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LD 1082 could hurt SAD 44 more than Newry withdrawal Head proposing amendment

BY ALISON ALOISIO

LD 1082 is a school funding bill that, if passed by the Maine Legislature, could potentially impact SAD 44 more than Newry withdrawing from the district would, according to district officials. The bill is written to take effect Jan. 1 and would specifically affect SAD 44 and SAD 6.

A public hearing on the proposal was scheduled for yesterday (Wednesday) in Augusta.

State Rep. Fran Head (R-Bethel), was expected to propose an amendment to remove SAD 44 from the bill. (The Citizen will provide updated information and testimony from the hearing at

www.bethelcitizen.com.)

The bill, dated March 25, is in response to a law that was passed 10 years ago. In 2005 the Legislature approved LD 1924, which exempted SAD 44 and SAD 6 from a state-wide school funding change that made a town's student population a factor in determining its share of the local school budget.

The exemption meant Newry would continue to pay a large portion of the SAD 44 budget, because the local share is calculated entirely on town valuation. The vote by the Legislature happened without any formal local input from the town or its residents. It prompted resentment among some, and helped fuel the town's current withdrawal effort.

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IMPACT

The Legislature is now considering whether to remove that exemption as of Jan. 1, 2016, and calculate the local share based 50 percent on valuation and 50 percent on student population. The bill originated out of concerns in Frye Island, a SAD 6 town with a similar valuation profile as Newry.

As in 2005, the Town of Newry has not officially had the opportunity to weigh in on the issue at a local forum. Town officials said they only found out about the bill last week.

So did SAD 44 Supt. Dave Murphy, who provided an

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Peggy Wight, Louise Lovejoy, and Linda Davis create comfort shawls at a recent meeting of the Love Stitchers.
A. Wight Chapman

Love Stitchers:

Knitting comfort and healing into every stitch

BY AMY WIGHT CHAPMAN

A dozen members of the "Love Stitchers" gathered last week in Bev Melville's living room in Locke's Mills, took out knitting needles or crochet hooks and yarn, and got down to business.

Laughter filled the room as they shared stories and jokes, coffee and fellowship, but they were aware that they were also engaged in serious work: that of providing comfort and solace to people in need.

Meeting weekly in members' homes, the Love Stitchers create prayer shawls for members of their communities who struggle with loneliness, illness, or grief.

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Some also knit or crochet projects for other charitable causes, such as blankets for a women's shelter or mittens to be given to children who come to school without them.

They recently completed their twentieth prayer shawl, destined for a community member who has entered long-term residential care.

Comprised of members of the West Parish Congregational Church and the Locke's Mills Union Church, the Love Stitchers got their start prior to the 2013 General Synod of the United Church of Christ.

At that time, members of UCC congregations throughout the country were being asked to contribute brightly colored handmade scarves, to be given to delegates and visitors at the biennial meeting.

The rainbow of scarves symbolized inclusion, and the General Synod attendees' pledge to take action against bullying, particularly against members of the LGBT community. The initial goal was to collect 3,000 scarves, but a total of more than 10,000 were donated and distributed.

After discovering the energy and fellowship that resulted from the project, the group decided to continue the work.

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School Board unanimously votes resolution against 1082

BY AMY WIGHT CHAPMAN

SAD 44 directors Monday made an adjustment to the meeting agenda in order to discuss proposed legislation that, if passed, would eliminate exemptions to the state-wide school funding formula in SAD 44 and SAD 6 (See above story.).

Murphy distributed figures prepared by the district's attorney, Richard Spencer of Drummond Woodsum, that showed nearly \$2.4 million in costs being shifted from Newry to the district's three other towns if the legislation passed.

Additional school costs would amount to more than \$1.6 million for Bethel taxpayers, \$697,612 for Woodstock, and \$59,168 for Greenwood.

The bill, LD 1082, was scheduled for a public hearing on Wednesday (yesterday) before the Legislative Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.

After discussion, board members voted unanimously to send a resolution to the committee opposing the inclusion of SAD 44 in the bill.

"I was able to have conversations with Rep. Head and her aide this afternoon,"

Murphy said.

He said Head told him she intended to formally ask at the beginning of the legislative hearing for an amendment to eliminate SAD 44 from LD 1082, "because of the financial impact, which would be tremendously detrimental to our area."

Woodstock Director Marcel Polak, who chairs the board's Newry Withdrawal Committee, said he supported the resolution and would go to Augusta to testify, along with Murphy.

"There's been a lot of information about where the burden will fall," Polak said. "It would shift the burden from second-homeowners to primary taxpayers, and it will likely have a seriously damaging effect. I would ask the board to let the current withdrawal process run its course. That's what we're working on right now, and this is just going to really muddy the water and pose some challenges, so I would ask you to support this resolution."

Murphy told the School Board that despite Head's intended recommendation, he did not think any action to remove SAD 44 from

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SAD 44 draft FY'16 budget is up \$99,000

BY AMY WIGHT CHAPMAN

At Monday's School Board meeting, SAD 44 Superintendent David Murphy presented a summary of the preliminary draft budget for fiscal year 2016, including a breakdown by "cost center."

The budget totals \$10,663,374, an increase of \$99,149, or less than one percent, over the previous fiscal year's budget of \$10,564,225. Murphy also distributed a historical comparison of budgets for the past decade illustrating that, while there have been only small increases in each of the past ten years, the amount of the local share has increased sharply due to losses in state aid.

"Taxpayers have had to make up over \$2.5 million in lost state aid. Any increases in school taxes during that time have largely been due to this loss of funding," he said.

"The Finance Committee is working with similar challenges again this year. The draft budget that you will see tonight is up by just nine-tenths of one percent, yet it does provide some new opportunities for our students."

SAD 44 is expected to lose nearly \$400,000 in state aid this year, the biggest single-year decrease since the drop of nearly \$1 million between fiscal years 2010 and 2011. The projected amount of state aid for 2015-2016 is just \$182,269, Murphy said.

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BY ALISON ALOISIO

In a divided vote, Bethel selectmen Monday approved a plan to place road signs at three locations in town to remind motorists to keep at least three feet away from bicyclists.

The three-foot stipulation is a state law. But Selectman Don Bennett, citing frequent complaints he gets from area drivers about bicyclists riding several across and slowing traffic, voted against the plan.

The signs were requested by an area cyclist, according to town officials.

Bennett said he was not anti-bicyclist, but he felt some two-wheel riders also need to do a better job of paying attention to vehicles.

Vernon Street resident Mike Jodrey agreed. "I don't want to go to war with the bicycles, but along with that can we get something for them to ride to the right?" he asked.

Jodrey said it is not uncommon on Vernon Street for a vehicle to encounter several cyclists riding two or three across. "You give them three feet and you're in the ditch," he said. "It works both ways."

He said this week he saw Gould cyclists "shoot out of Parkway and onto Route 2," prompting a large truck to stop for them.

Selectman Peter Southam, who is also the cycling coach

at Gould Academy and owner of Bethel Bicycle, agreed that cyclists can be at fault.

Regarding the Gould riders, he said they are trained to move over, but in a group that cannot always happen instantaneously.

However, he said, "I think a lot of bicyclists need to be reminded of that. We remind them every day. The problem we have is that they are teenagers."

Southam said he has seen the cyclists go down Mill Hill Road and across Route 5 to Grover Hill Road without looking either way.

"I'm not going to make a whole lot of excuses for them," he said.

Southam then moved to purchase the three warning signs for the beginning of Vernon, North and Intervale roads, at a cost of approximately \$500.

Bennett then described complaints he has heard. He said he has seen cyclists running stop signs and cutting between Route 2 and the Parkway through the parking lot at Mallard Mart, "weaving by a car at the pumps."

He also said an Intervale Road driver had told him he encountered a half dozen riders there filling the edge of the road and talking to each other, and the driver did not dare to pass them. Bennett said the driver finally blew the horn.

Bennett said he under-

stands cyclists probably have a clearer view coming up to a stop sign than do drivers, and therefore may not stop, but observing the law should be consistent.

"Let's all understand what the law is and pay attention to it," he said.

He then voted against the motion, which passed 3-1.

Fluoride wording
In other business Monday, selectmen approved the following wording for a referendum vote: "Shall the Bethel Water District be authorized to add fluoride to the water supply?"

Bethel business owner Sarah Lane, who is not a resident, asked selectmen to hold a town vote on whether to stop using fluoride. She said there is evidence it is linked to health risks.

The vote is scheduled for June 9. They also scheduled a public hearing for May 11.

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There will be a discussion about the water meter change out project at the next Trustees Meeting, April 21, 2015, 7:00 pm, at the Bethel Town Office meeting room. All are welcome.

ATTENTION TOWN OF BETHEL TAXPAYERS

This notice is to remind you that the second half of your Fiscal Year 2015 tax bill is due and payable May 1, 2015. Interest will begin to accrue May 2, 2015. For the amount owed, please refer to the bill that you received in the fall of 2014. If you have lost or misplaced your bill you may call the office at 207-824-2669 or email at info@bethelmaine.org for an amount owed.

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Letters

NEWRY TAXPAYERS SUBSIDIZED

To the Editor:

To adequately support SAD 44 while allowing Newry to retain its voting status is best served by the pending doubling in resident homeowner property tax exemptions.

Newry taxpayers are already massively subsidized by its extraordinary taxable property, the principal beneficiaries of which are Newry's ski-related businesses.

To further deprive schools of needed support by further increasing the subsidies to those Newry businesses, it's non-resident second homes and vacant land, also would put an unfair burden on Mt. Abram and the competing ski shops, restaurants and other businesses in the district at a substantially greater burden than they already carry.

Even before the increase in Newry residential homestead exemptions, Newry property is taxed FAR less per equal-value house now, according to the state's comparison at 100 percent level valuation.

Example: I think I own the finest white pine land in Newry and I don't deserve its already very low taxes to be lowered further to enrich primarily the Newry ski area and its second-home owners at the expense of local children.

SAD 44 has continuously benefitted from many superb Newry residents of which a few are the Wights, Syskos and Mortons.

SAD 44 and Newry would each be BIG losers if Newry had no say in improvements by having no representation and Newry would lose its chance to improve local schools.

In fact, not only would the fine people of Newry lose any and all say, a major loss could be if the brightest 20 of Newry's next 30 high school students are sent to Gould rather than Telstar, paid for by a further-enriched Newry tax advantage.

True equity will never come by chipping away at the public school system's resources!

*Ted Chadbourne
Cumberland Center*

REMEMBERING RAY MORAN

To the Editor:

When our modest inn was struggling with re-opening in the early 1980's, it was clear that a steady, experienced hand was needed to guide us toward the success that had recently been so elusive. A difficult economy, snowless winters, and a gas crisis had added to the challenges of reviving a nearly-expired business at the heart of Bethel.

Shortly after buying the Inn in 1979, Dick had rejoined the rat race in New York, making the need for consistent leadership at the Bethel Inn critical. Ray Moran, the former head of the Bethel Savings Bank and a friend was the ideal choice as general manager of the Inn.

Ray's banking experience was key to handling the precarious financial situation of the Inn in the early days of our new ownership. His experience in hiring and training key personnel, his administrative capabilities, and welcoming demeanor were ample credentials to lead us forward toward success.

As the inn began to grow exponentially under his leadership, Ray recognized the need to grow our facilities and to provide the first-rate amenities which would transform us from a sleepy country inn into a true, year-round, full-service, contemporary resort.

During Ray's tenure here as general manager, our acreage doubled from 100 to 200, the golf course went from a short nine hole layout to a championship 18, hosting many regional and statewide events. Early on, Ray saw the need for and helped plan the construction of our conference center and, later, the addition of 40 condominium townhouses and our health club with its year-round outdoor pool and saunas.

Beyond Ray's steady hand was his steady friendship with so many of us in his extended family. Whether our dealings with Ray involved the Bethel Savings Bank, The Bethel Inn Resort, a round of golf or a libation in the Millbrook Tavern, his many friends will remember and cherish his warmth and loyalty.

We thank Ray for all he has done for our business, for the town of Bethel, and for his many close friends. As we drive up Main Street upon our return to Bethel this spring, we will pass by the bank, see the front of the Inn across the common and think of our colleague and friend with great fondness and wonderful memories.

We will dearly miss him and offer our sincerest condolences to Anne and all of his family.

*Gretchen and Dick Rasor
Boynton Beach, Fla.*

SCIENCE FAIR THANKS

To the Editor:

First, please accept my apologies for being tardy with this letter, for on March 28, SAD 44 Science Expo took place and we had a lot of support. We would like to thank all parents, staff, students, school board members and all attendees for coming to the first district wide Science Expo. Students shared their science fair projects and offered some interesting science demonstrations. We were also fortunate to have science demonstrations from Mad Electricity's Atomic Ashley, Jim Chandler, Maine Mineral and Gem Museum, Chewonki Foundation, Patriot Renewal, and Bryant Pond 4H Camp. A big thank you is also extended to the Sunday River, MKA, and TMS PTA for their support of the Science Expo! We are looking forward to next year's district Science Expo.

*Kate Slattery, Tonya Prentice,
Sarah Southam, Marie Keane, SAD 44 teachers*

LD 1082 OBJECTIONS QUESTIONED

To the Editor:

In 2005 both SAD 44 and SAD 6 were unfairly made the only exceptions to LD-1082, the new statewide school funding law. Now that another state bill is being considered (LD-1082) to help remove this unfair designation there is an outcry of protest.

The protesters make three arguments. First they say SAD 44 is a unique "outlier" with property rich Newry mixed in with poorer towns. The truth is there are many similar school districts with SAD 58 and Carrabassett Valley (Sugarloaf Ski Area) being the best example. There is no uniqueness here.

Their second argument is that we didn't have enough notice about LD-1082. The protesters conveniently forget that in 2005 the people of Newry were purposely kept in the dark until their bill was made law. Contrast that to now. In 2014 and so far in 2015, at nearly every Newry withdrawal meeting notice of this pending bill by Frye Island dealing with the funding formula correction was listed on the agenda and discussed in the minutes. They had plenty of notice. They just didn't take it seriously.

The third argument they make is that SAD 44 loses local control of the bill if it's lumped in with SAD 6 but they had no problem denying Newry local control in 2005 when they intentionally lumped the two districts together to better ensure passage.

It's about time that Newry and Frye Island got equal treatment under the law. Passing LD-1082 as it is written with both SAD 6 and SAD 44 is the right thing to do.

*Jim Sysko
Newry*

BUY A BFD CALENDAR

To the Editor:

The Bethel Fire Department is currently working on the 44th issue of the community calendar. If you are interested in purchasing this year's calendar, contact Mike Jodrey at 824-2665 or Jim Young at 824-2627 and a member of the department will be in touch with you. Funds raised will be used for local expenses and items currently not on the budgeted items.

*Jim Young
Bethel Fire Department*

BACC AWARD RECIPIENTS

To the Editor:

The whole community is welcome to celebrate with the winners of the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards on Friday evening, May 15 at the Grand Summit Hotel Ballroom at Sunday River. It will be a joyous evening as we honor the following individuals and businesses for their contributions to the community.

Business of the Year: The Local Hub, Dara Turgeon and Michelle Defulio have brought new life to Locke Mills, offering a market for local food and crafts, a cozy social outlet, and delicious homemade goods.

Lifetime Achievement Award: Dennis A. Wilson of D.A. Wilson & Co. Denny started his business in 1954 with one truck; now it's a three-generation operation. Denny has served on many community and nonprofit boards and can still be found behind the wheel of one of his trucks.

Henry H. Hastings Award for Citizenship: Michele Varuolo Cole. Michele has been an asset to her employer, Les Otten, as well as many nonprofits over the past 25+ years, including Maine Handicapped Skiing (Maine Adaptive), Project Opportunity, the Rotary Club, the Bethel Area Chamber, the Ski Museum of Maine, and others.

Forest Products Industry Award: Bob Blake of EG Blake & Sons. Having taken over a sawmill business his father started in the early 1900s, Bob has been in the forestry business for more than 50 years. Bob has served the Town of Bethel in many committee capacities as well.

Rocky Freda Memorial Award: Jeff Watts of Moose Look Outfitters. In addition to his success as a Maine Guide, Jeff volunteers with Hunt of a Lifetime, which organizes guided trips for young people with life-threatening diseases.

Public Service Award: Clarke Reiner of the Bethel Emergency Ambulance and Rescue Service. Nominated by eight of his colleagues, Clarke was cited for "his willingness to give of himself to the service, his fellow volunteers, and his community."

Nonprofit Leadership Award: Lloyd Sweetser. Lloyd volunteers all over town with the District Exchange, Maine Mineral & Gem Museum, Oxford County Regional Recycling, Kora Shriners Temple, Bethel Masonic Lodge, the Bethel Area Chamber board, and the town itself, serving as selectman.

Rising Star Entrepreneur Award: Craig Angevine of Yeah Bud! Photography. Craig turned his passion into his business, and his unique style has been embraced by his customers - he is now booking weddings 1-2 years in advance.

Ski Industry Award: Bill Brown of Sunday River Resort. For decades, Bill has made incredible strides in energy management for the mountain, and has served as a mentor, teacher, and fundraiser for the Sunday River Ski Club.

Service Award: Jim Grover of Savage Contracting. Jim is an asset to his employers and his clients, going above and beyond (sometimes on weekends and in the middle of the night) to help. Jim also volunteers with several local organizations and community events.

Hospitality Employee of the Year: Lisa Deherra of The Bethel Inn Resort's Millbrook Tavern. Lisa is "bartender extraordinaire" who is known for being friendly and professional.

Education Employee of the Year: Jeannine Wing, a food service professional in SAD 44. Jeannine is preparing for retirement after 30 years of serving meals to hungry students. She has been CPS Kitchen Manager for two decades and also served on the Woodstock Elementary PTO.

A special recognition award will be given posthumously to Wayne Hakala to honor his life of service to the community.

Student Citizenship Awards: Anna Tyrina and Aaron Speakman, both Telstar seniors. Other scholarship winners will be announced in coming days.

The Chamber thanks Franklin Savings Bank, the presenting sponsor of this event. Other support was provided by Oxford Networks, Northeast Bank, and Norway Savings Bank, and our dinner sponsor is Sunday River Resort.

To join us in celebrating, please RSVP by May 8th by contacting the chamber at 824-2282 or info@bethelmaine.com. The event is \$40 per person or \$350 to sponsor a table of eight with a sponsor sign. The event will be accompanied by a silent auction.

Thanks also to those made nominations for the awards - we are lucky to live in a community full of so many wonderful people!

*Robin Zinchuk, Executive Director for the Award Selection Committee;
Laurie Herron, Dave Nivus, Gabe Perkins, Sarah Lane & Mike Jodrey*

HELPING TO FIGHT HUNGER

To the Editor:

As someone who works with the elderly, I have been alarmed by the recent federal funding cuts for services for those most in need. Right now there are older adults in our state who are experiencing hunger for the first time.

Many of the Agencies on Aging are having to place elderly people on waiting lists to receive Meals On Wheels because the funding just isn't there to keep up with the demand.

It cuts me to the core to think about these elderly people doing their best to continue to live at home - which saves the taxpayer a lot of money compared to putting people in an nursing care facility - but now they face moving out or living without food delivery.

So my friends - my fellow Shadagee Ramblers band members and members of the American Legion in Locke's Mills - and I decided to do something about it on our own turf, figuring every little bit helps.

Join us to raise funds for Meals On Wheels at SeniorsPlus, the Western Maine Agency on Aging, by attending a benefit on Sunday, May 3, 2 to 5 p.m. at the American Legion Hall, 595 Gore Road, Locke's Mills. There will be live music by the Shadagee Ramblers, a 50/50, raffle items and snacks. Admission is \$10 at the door and \$8 in advance (children under 12 are free). Tickets are available at Norway's "Books n' Things," or contact SeniorsPlus at www.seniorsplus.org or 1-800-427-1241.

*Valerie Cole
Greenwood*

SUPPORT CONVENTION OF STATES PROJECT

To the Editor:

The federal government is out of control. As the state legislators at the Mt. Vernon Assembly realized, Washington's abuse of power - by both Republicans and Democrats - must come to an end before it's too late.

The \$17 trillion national debt is one example of this abuse. Our children and grandchildren will pay for Washington's spending spree. There will be taxes imposed for spending they never approved and from which they never directly benefited. The cry of that generation will echo that of the founding generation: "Taxation without representation!"

Fortunately, when the national government becomes drunk with power, the states possess the authority to reorganize the government in a manner that preserves liberty. Article V of the Constitution allows states to call a convention for the purpose of proposing amendments to the Constitution. Using an Article V convention, the states can stop the spending and debt spree, the power grabs of the federal courts, and the forfeiture of American sovereignty to the UN.

Citizens for Self-Governance has started the Convention of States Project to urge state legislators to call a Convention of States.

We are approaching a crossroads. One path leads to the escalating power of an irresponsible centralized government, ultimately resulting in the financial ruin of generations of Americans. The other path leads to freedom and the chance to once again be proud of these United States. Which will we choose?

I hope that with Fran Head's and Paul Lepage's support, Maine will choose to join in the states' efforts to reign in federal spending. The Republicans and Democrats have chosen to ignore it. I'm hoping to make a difference by volunteering for the Convention of States Project in Maine.

*Brenda Stickney
Andover*

Our Back Pages

BY DANNA BROWN
NICKERSON

10 years ago: The Bethel Historical Society held an Antiquarian Supper reminiscent of those put on by the Bethel Farmer's Club from 1855 to 1857.

Sixteen students and two adults participated in a wilderness first aid course at Telstar High School.

Deaths: Lyndon E. Brackett, Wayne Ellingwood, Sr., William Rideout, Marion E. Stallwood.

20 years ago: Tourmaline Music of Bethel released its third CD, "Window of Opportunity," featuring 19 original songs by 11 artists.

The first issue of "Out of the Cradle," a literary magazine published by Jeanette Baldrige and Sandy Dennis, went on sale.

Birth: Maggie Forest Lawton.

Deaths: Ralston A. Bennett, Hely Marie Tucci, Elbert E. Tyler, Ivy E. Thurston, John Everett Farrington.

30 years ago: Ted White, formerly of Bethel, was one of 10 singers from a total of 50 chosen to perform at the Grand Ole Opry, and to record on Nashville Network TV.

The state Board of Environmental Protection voted 9-0 to approve a permit for the Greenwood-Woodstock transfer station.

Birth: Caitlin Elizabeth Kennett.

Deaths: Edith E. Stearns, Arthur K. Jordan, Ina Mundt.

40 years ago: John Willard was elected president of the Greater Bethel Chamber of Commerce; other officers included Robert Chadbourne, vice-president; Norma Jodrey, treasurer; Maggie Philippon, secretary.

Tim LaVallee was a featured speaker at the Maine Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation convention at Orono.

Births: Faye Bethany Luxton, Tobias Odell Parker.

50 years ago: Kathleen Brown and Jack Brooks were chosen Girls' and Boys' State delegates.

The building housing the community room, fire station and two apartments was being razed to make room for the new fire station.

Harry and Barbara Kuzyk sold The Campus Malt Shop to Harold and Lillian Young.

Births: Stephen Brown, Brian O'Donnell.

Death: Max Zallen.

60 years ago: Announcement of the Gould Academy Class of 1955 top honors listed Barbara Hulbert as valedictorian, Nancy Harmon as salutatorian, and Mary Belle Bennett, third honors. A Salk Vaccination program was started in Bethel with two required shots, two weeks apart.

Death: Addie F. Flint.

70 years ago: Miss Jane Chapin entered the Army Nurse Corp at Fort Devens. Unseasonable hot weather brought reports of "92 in the shade."

Births: Gloria Swan, Gloria Harrington.

Deaths: Lillian M. Stearns.

80 years ago: The price of potatoes was on an upward trend. E.A. Trask and Robert Hastings hauled two loads to Portland.

Thirty-four members of the Bates College Outing Club climbed Waterspout Mountain. They also enjoyed a sugar eat at Carey Stevens' sugar house.

Birth: Julius Palmer Robinson, Jr.

90 years ago: J.C. Burbank was employed as foreman for the construction of the new primary school building.

Young people from the Universalist Church presented the drama, "Little Lord Fauntleroy" in Odeon Hall.

Deaths: A.A. Dunham.

110 years ago: C.C. Bryant and Son were having a large refrigerator built in their meat room connected with the store.

The farm buildings owned and occupied by Mr. Chas. E. Valentine and situated about two miles from Bethel village on the Glead road were destroyed by fire.

Death: Dolly Ann Mills.

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MEALS ON WHEELS CUTBACKS NOT A SAVINGS

To The Editor:

At our Bethel Senior Citizen meeting on April 8, we learned that the State of Maine has cut back on funding for the Meals on Wheels program. This is a Federal program started in 1960 with the purpose of allowing those over 60 and capable of being at home but not able to shop or prepare meals to stay at home and out of a Nursing Home. It has helped millions over the past 55 years. It is not only the humane thing to do; it saves a lot of money!

I think it admirable that the Shadagee Ramblers are putting on a benefit musical program from 2 to 5 p.m. on May 3 at the Locke's Mills Legion to raise funds for Meals on Wheels. This will hopefully offer a few more needy seniors food for a while. I fear, however, due to lack of funding, serious problems will mount for some on the waiting list for meals.

There must be elderly people in need all over the state of Maine not getting adequate food. How and what are they eating?

By cutting back on the number served Meals on Wheels the State of Maine is not saving money. There will be costs for years to come in health services; extra Nursing Home care plus human suffering.

Nancy Willard
Woodstock

OUR DEMOCRACY IN JEOPARDY

To the Editor:

The Obama administration is making a shambles of our Constitutional rights. The non-partisan group Judicial Watch through a series of lawsuits citing the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) has received numerous e-mails and other correspondence between Lois Lerner, formerly an IRS official and high level Justice Department officials. These communications, heavily redacted, (censored, with the names of individuals blacked out) and with gaps in coverage, reveal that Ms. Lerner provided voluminous lists of individuals, conservative groups and other political enemies of the Obama White House, to Justice Department officials. This was at a time when Ms. Lerner had cited her 5th Amendment right not to testify before a Congressional committee investigating that very practice.

This was also at a time when the Justice Department was supposedly investigating the IRS to see whether any laws were broken in their efforts to deny tax exempt status to conservatives and other groups. Justice has provided no evidence that an investigation of the IRS was ever actually conducted.

Judicial Watch states that the Justice Department has denied, delayed or otherwise refused to provide much of the information requested under the FOIA.

Why should we be worried? Can you think of any more insidious practice than for an administration of either party to be using the power of the IRS and the Justice Department to intimidate or punish persons or groups who oppose the administration? This practice smacks of the tactics of a dictatorship! It is a terrible precedent to set for following administrations.

Richard Grover
Mason

Votes

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the bill would take place at the time of the hearing.

He sought confirmation of the legislative process from Bethel director Tim Carter, a former state representative. Carter said the next step after the hearing would likely be a work session on the bill in the Education and.

"They would have to get a majority vote of the people on the committee to let SAD 44 withdraw [from the bill]," he said. "[Rep. Head] can't do it automatically, I don't think, at this point."

Bicycle

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Selectmen also voted approval for a job description for the recreation director, at an annual stipend of \$8,000.

Also approved was May 26 for a public hearing on proposed changes to several town ordinances.

The board approved allowing the Bethel Ambulance Service to provide backup coverage for Shelburne, N.H., at that town's request.

Bethel would bill any patients transported, and receive a payment from Shelburne of \$150 per call.

Ambulance Director David Hanscom said he does not see the situation as an income opportunity, but rather a chance to help a small, neighboring community.

Town Clerk Christen Mason reported that nomination papers taken out and returned so for June elections include Peter Southam, selectman, and Bob Everett, Board of Assessors. SAD 44 School Board incumbent directors Tim Carter and Frank DeDuca have taken out papers but not returned them, she said. The deadline for filing is 5 p.m. April 27.

Knitting

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sulted from coming together to create scarves for the General Synod, the local group wanted to keep it going.

They realized that there were many members of their communities who were lonely or suffering, and they hit on the idea of creating prayer shawls, also known as comfort shawls, to pass on to those in need.

"People who have received them comment on how they wrap themselves in the shawl and feel the love that surrounds them," said Lida Iles of Bethel.

Members of the West Parish Congregational Church bring their completed shawls to a weekly prayer group, which is held at the church each Tuesday morning at 8:00. There, the shawls are passed through the hands of the prayer group members and receive a personal blessing from each before being delivered to the recipient.

Melville, the organist at the Locke's Mills Union Church, said that blessing the shawls has become a moving part of her church's regular Sunday morning service.

"After the passing of the peace, all the members of the congregation, even the little ones, come up and place their hands on the shawl," she said. "Then [Pastor] Sondra [Withey] says a prayer."

Louise Lovejoy of Bethel is a member of the Love Stitchers who is herself currently undergoing cancer treatments. She has experienced firsthand the comfort the shawls can bring to their recipients.

"I received a shawl myself, and I take it with me to all of my chemotherapy appointments," she said.

LD 1082

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estimate what the impact on SAD 44 towns would be if the bill passes. He said it appears the financial blow could be worse than if Newry, which pays approximately \$3 million a year to SAD 44, withdrew.

Murphy's estimated figures (calculated by Drummond Woodsum Attorneys), based on the current year's budget and likely different from what they would be in the future, show Bethel would have to come up with an additional \$1,630,608 million, Woodstock an additional \$697,612, and Greenwood \$59,168. Newry's share would drop by \$2,386,667 million. The large impact is a result in part of technical calculations within the formula, according to the Drummond Woodsum information.

Under the current formula, the payments by town are, according to SAD 44: Bethel, \$2,922,104; Greenwood, \$1,063,033; Newry, \$3,060,546; Woodstock \$1,194,058.

"We think it's really important that people understand what this means," Murphy said. He said it would be a concern whether the towns could, or would, raise that kind of money. For two of the towns, he said, the hike would represent more than a 50 percent increase in their school budget share. Murphy said his understanding is the law would take effect for FY17, the 2016-2017 school year.

He met with town managers from SAD 44 towns Monday, and said SAD 44 representatives would testify Wednesday before the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs. Murphy said the Maine Department of Education was also expected to testify against the bill.

A work session on the bill by the committee is expected to take place in about a week, according to Legislature officials. Anyone wishing to offer Head an opinion on the issue before that session may e-mail Frances.Head@legislature.maine.gov.

On Monday evening, the SAD 44 School Board unanimously approved a resolution opposing the bill. Newry's two directors, Bonnie Largess and Whitney Gray, were present and voted for it, according to Murphy.

HEAD A SPONSOR

Head, who is listed as a sponsor of the bill, was asked

before the hearing about her sponsorship and why there was no official notification to SAD 44 and its towns leading up to the bill's introduction and hearing.

"I signed on to this bill only so that I would be kept updated on when the public hearing would be scheduled," she said. "Oftentimes, representatives will co-sponsor a bill in order to stay apprised of new developments. That is what I did ... The easy thing to do would be to sit on the sidelines on this bill and to take no position — but that isn't what I came here to do. At the beginning of the public hearing, I will formally ask the committee to entirely eliminate 'MSAD 44' from LD 1082 because of the financial impact which will be tremendously detrimental to our area ... Two months ago, I said this should remain a local issue, which is exactly what I still believe."

Regarding notification to the towns, Head said, "When I was notified of the public hearing, I began reaching out to constituents who had approached me on this issue, as well as some town officials and SAD 44 staff."

Last week, before that statement, Head had said of the bill, "I'll be watching LD 1082 very closely because it could impact our funding formula for SAD 44 should it pass. This 'Act To Ensure Equitable Support of Education for Maine Students' presents a possible solution to allow for the formula change to 50 percent valuation and 50 percent per pupil beginning Jan. 1, 2016."

"I've had a lot of constituents call me to support this measure, and others who think this should be a local decision. What I keep hearing from people is that they don't want any dramatic changes overnight, a concern which I share."

JANUARY DISCUSSION

In January, when the bill was being initiated, the Newry Withdrawal Committee discussed it briefly, deciding that dealing with it formally was not part of their charge. Dr. Mark Eastman, the committee's education consultant, estimated then the bill, if approved, would mean Newry would pay \$1.7 million less to SAD 44.

The committee's legal consultant, Dan Stockford, noted at the time that the is-

sue might be something the town could consider taking a position on. That has not happened, however, and the committee has continued to try to informally track the bill process.

Also in January, the Citizen asked Head about the impending bill for a story that was published Jan. 22. She said she would watch it carefully, "and look forward to hearing the suggestions and concerns of my constituents."

Newry Selectman Wendy Hanscom said the board had just found out about the bill last week. "What bothers me the most is this includes almost no provision for local input from MSAD 44 or its member towns," she said. "The state will change the law. Whoever can manage to get to Augusta and testify, can ... LD 1082 does not allow much discussion for what's best at the local level."

Greenwood Town Manager Kim Sparks said she also had not known about the bill until last week, as did Bethel Town Manager Christine Landes.

SYSKO, WIGHT VIEWS

As for the bill itself, Jim Sysko, chairman of the Newry Withdrawal Committee and a driving force behind the withdrawal effort, said he supports the bill, emphasizing he speaks only for himself.

"What this bill does is that it removes the exception that was placed on only Frye Island and Newry when LD 1924 was enacted and changed the way schools were funded in Maine," he said. "The exception was voted without the opportunity for Newry citizens to voice their opinions. It was akin to 'taxation without representation' for these two communities, which is abhorrent to most citizen/patriots."

"The recommended change defined in this bill [1082] is consistent with a cost setting process that the law provides for all other Maine communities. Newry has been forced into a current situation whereby it pays over \$111,000 per student to the local district each year while neglecting public works and local projects that are needed to maintain the town roads, infrastructure, and support services. To make matters even more extreme, Newry and Frye Island have virtu-

ally no voting power on their districts' school boards. LD 1082 will not change this, but it will give Newry and Frye Island more equitable tax treatment under the law."

After learning of the SAD 44 impact numbers, Sysko added, "I'd like to remind everyone that back in 2005 Newry people were not given any notice at all about a bill that cost them tens of millions since then. Now those against LD 1082, which will correct the earlier injustice, are complaining that a week is not enough notice. Pure hypocrisy."

Former Newry selectman Steve Wight - who in 2005 worked with state legislators on the exemption - said of LD 1082, "As a citizen of the SAD 44 region, I think it is a bad idea. The reason for passage of the bill in the first place was that Newry and Frye Island were found to be outliers from the norm in terms of valuation vs. number of pupils. Most towns with locally high valuations are large enough to have their own school systems and support them from their own tax base. Only when several towns comprise a school district and there is a great disparity among them in terms of both valuation and number of pupils does the problem occur."

Wight was asked about Sysko's criticism of the town not seeking local public input in 2005 on LD 1924, and about the bill being discussed by selectmen then. "I did discuss with the Newry selectmen the fact that SAD 44 was working on the exemption back in 2005," he said. "No one on the board was concerned about it at the time. I don't know whether there was a reporter at the meeting, but in any event no report of the discussion was published."

(Note: There were no Citizen stories published on Newry selectboard discussion on the issue before the bill in the Legislature was altered to exempt SAD 44 and 6. Three stories on discussion of LD 1924 by the SAD 44 School Board or the Bethel selectmen appeared in the Citizen before that action.)

In January of this year the SAD 44 School Board voted to take no action on creating its own committee to consider local alternatives to the current cost-sharing formula for SAD 44 towns.

Budget

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\$115,000 is being earmarked for special education out-of-district placement, which he described as a "last resort" for educating students with special needs, but one which can place a heavy burden on school districts.

The student support cost center will increase by approximately \$80,000 in order to upgrade the laptop computers used by high school and grade six students.

Other factors driving the budget include increased legal fees related to withdrawal negotiations, full funding of a business office position, and funding for Secondary Learning Alternatives, which includes the collaborative program between Telstar and CMCC as well as on-line course opportunities.

Cost centers for school administration, transportation, and buildings and grounds will all see decreases in the budget for next year.

Murphy said Maintenance and Transportation Supervisor Ron Deegan had been able to lock in prices for heat-

ing oil and diesel fuel earlier than usual, and at lower rates.

The Finance Committee has been meeting regularly to work on the budget, and the next two School Board meetings, April 27 at Crescent Park School and May 11 at Andover Elementary School, will be largely devoted to budget workshops.

Murphy said the financial impact of the draft budget to the individual towns has not yet been calculated.

Appointments and resignations

Murphy announced the following appointments: John Eliot, THS' head baseball

coach; Ryan Kimball, THS JV baseball coach; Jim Lunney, THS head softball coach; Mark Kenney, THS JV softball coach; David LeClerc and Willow Ochtera, THS head track coaches; Tim O'Connor, TMS head baseball coach; Scott Underhill, TMS head softball coach; Linda Cozzolino, TMS JV softball coach; Steve Pelletier, TMS head track coach; Rachel Duclos, TMS assistant track coach.

Maisey Griffin and Meryl Kelly were appointed as advisors to the GOT Farms pro-

gram to fill out the remainder of the current school year.

Murphy said he had received the resignation of TMS Guidance Counselor Richard Curley, who, prior to the current school year, served as principal of Andover Elementary School.

Curley's resignation, for personal reasons, was effective March 31. Murphy said the position is being advertised, as is the TMS special education position recently vacated by Cindy Savage.

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Level 2:	5:00- 5:30 PM
Level 3:	5:30- 6:00 PM

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Briefly

BWD informational meeting on upgrades

BETHEL-The Bethel Water District will hold a public informational meeting Tuesday, April 21 at 7 p.m. on planned upgrades to its meter, reporting and billing systems. The work, expected to begin in mid-May, will require the contractor, New England Backflow, to gain access to individual homes, according to the BWD. An NEB representative will be at the meeting. BWD Trustees Chair Brent Angevine said the meter upgrades will bring the district into compliance with current federal mandates for safety and low lead materials. The overall upgrades, he said, "will improve our accuracy and dramatically increase efficiency in our quarterly billing." For most homes the conversion is expected to take less than an hour, but for older homes or those with limited space the installation may be more involved, Angevine said. The installation of the new meters will not be billed to individual customers, he said. In about half the homes, NEB will also install a backflow preventer, a federal requirement, to protect the water systems from contamination. He also said the installation of a backflow preventing device has the potential to cause expansion problems in some homes and it may be necessary to have an expansion tank or relief valve installed in the household system, at the owner's expense. Tuesday's meeting will take place at the Bethel Town Office. If people have questions after that, they may call the BWD at 824-2342 or e-mail bwd@megalink.net.

Newry's withdrawal tab, so far

NEWRY-The Newry Withdrawal Committee, granted \$50,000 to fund the town's school withdrawal process, currently has a balance of just over \$30,000, committee Chair Jim Sysko said at last week's meeting. The committee has a legal and educational consultant to advise members as they work on a withdrawal agreement with SAD 44, for Newry residents to eventually vote upon. The legal consultant, Dan Stockford, said most of the legal drafting work for the agreement proposal is done, and it accounts for most of the work. How much the committee spends in the future will depend on how the negotiations with SAD 44 go, he said. "We expected from the beginning that this was going to be a difficult negotiations," he said.

Lodging safety inspections proposed in Bethel

BY ALISON ALOISIO

Code Enforcement Officer Jeff Warden and Fire Chief Mike Jodrey told Bethel selectmen Monday they would like to implement annual life safety inspections for lodging establishments and multi-unit apartments and condominiums. "In recent years, Maine has experienced many fire related fatalities," Warden said in a memo. "A number of these fatalities may have been due to insufficient life safety systems in the affected structures. Given this information, Chief Jodrey and I feel that it is important to become more rigorous in identifying structures with po-

tential life safety hazards or specific challenges to fire fighting. We propose annual inspections in the spring with followup visits in the fall to verify correction of any identified deficiencies."

At the meeting, Jodrey said "There are a lot of establishments around here that are very scary to have people sleeping in. There's no one looking after them."

"All we're trying to do is prevent loss of life," added Warden. "We're not trying to shut down businesses."

Jodrey and Warden said they have not yet worked out specific criteria, but would bring them back to selectmen. The board agreed.

Bethel Historical Society to build 'barn' addition

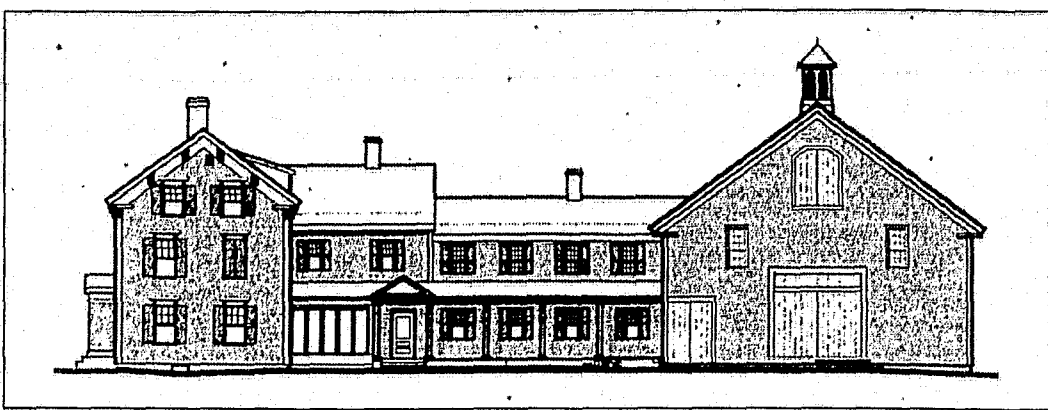
Thanks to the financial generosity of Charles R. Huntoon of Portland, the Bethel Historical Society is on the verge of completing a museum facilities expansion project for the reconstruction of the rear ell and barn of the Society's O'Neil Robinson House, according to a press release.

The project, scheduled to start in May, originated in 2000 with a design proposal by Smith Reuter Lull, Architects of Lewiston.

Huntoon has specifically directed that his donation be used to build a barn-like structure at the east end of the Robinson House to serve as a secure storage facility for the Society's largest museum objects, plus many of its rare books and manuscripts, the release said.

Huntoon, who grew up in the nearby town of Rumford, was inspired to make his "dedicated gift" following the successful development and completion of the Mary E. Valentine Collections Wing in June 2014, said Randall Bennett, the Society's Executive Director. "That facility has provided the Society with temporary breathing room as it relocates and consolidates its museum object study collection from three buildings to one," he said.

Based partly on a two-



The Robinson House with the planned barn addition, shown at right.

BHS

and-a-half story barn that stood on the Robinson property from 1821 until November 1931, when it was demolished while under the Bethel Inn's ownership, the new barn will blend in with the style and form of the existing Robinson House, which was remodeled from the Federal to Italianate style in 1881.

In announcing the gift, Society Board of Trustees President Tineke Ouwinga said, "Mr. Huntoon's generous support will allow us to complete the expansion and restoration of the Robinson House. To receive this gift so soon after the construction of the Mary E. Valentine Collections Wing is truly exciting and tremendously appreciated."

Huntoon earlier presented the organization with a collection of rare books, booklets and tapes fo-



BHS Executive Director Randy Bennett (left) and Charles Huntoon.

Bethel Historical Society

cused on Maine and northern New England's Native American heritage. He was also the first person to set up a Charitable Gift Annuity (CGA) at the Society, providing a donation of cash in exchange for guaranteed lifetime income payments at a fixed rate.

In summarizing the sig-

nificance of the gift, Bennett said, "This second and final addition to the Robinson House will meet our collection storage needs for the foreseeable future and allow the Society to continue its mission of collecting, preserving and interpreting the history of Bethel and the surrounding region."

Head opposes rental licensing bill

BY ALISON ALOISIO

State Rep. Fran Head (R-Bethel) said last week she would oppose LD 436, a bill proposed by State Sen. John Patrick (D-Rumford) that would extend state requirements for licensing short-term lodging establishments to those that have fewer than four beds. But she said supports an alternative proposal floated by Gov. Paul LePage that would instead remove such licensing requirements from those lodging places that currently must meet them.

No details of LePage's idea have yet been provided.

Some local businesspeople recently testified in favor of LD 436, arguing it would level the playing field for licensed inns that must compete with single-family homeowners who rent out

the homes for a few days, but do not provide fire safety and other features.

But such homeowners opposed it.

Said Head last week, "As a member of the Health and Human Services Committee, I plan to vote against this bill as it is currently written."

"After listening to vacation rental owners from all over the state, I can't agree with requiring owners to install sprinkler systems, test water quality, or complete a rigorous inspection process."

"You just can't compare a major inn with vacation rentals in terms of licensing. Our state government shouldn't force people to reserve a rental property for no less than one week. Both Mainers and people from away should be able to rent for a few days without government mandating that the time should be longer."

Vacation properties are an investment, and I would hate to see home value decreased because the owners are suddenly not in compliance."

The committee, voted Monday that the bill 'Ought Not to Pass,' according to the Legislature's website.

As for LePage's proposal, which was brought up at the public hearing by one of his advisors, Head said,

"Gov. LePage has indicated that he would like to deregulate lodging licenses, a move which I support. Some of the guidelines have gotten too strict over the years, and have made it difficult for owners to keep up with competition over the border."

"There are certain common sense safety measures, like smoke alarms, which I will continue to advocate for in future legislation."

"Overall, we need to make it easier for people who rent out cabins, operate inns, and participate in 'air bed and breakfast' type arrangements to have guests in their homes in order to make some money for themselves. People who were against increased regulation came from both rural and urban areas, which tells me that the governor would have some support

for his idea."

Patrick did not respond to an e-mail request for comment.

Among those testifying at the public hearing was Gary Drown of Newry, who with his wife, Tama, owns Hideawayrentals and Property Mgmt, LLC. They said they would support the governor's idea.

In an e-mail last week, they said they feel that LD 436 "is an attempt to shut down short term rentals in the state of Maine. We think this is a violation of our property rights. We didn't build hotels, we built residential homes in residential areas, and because homes are rented they did not turn into hotels."

"We absolutely applaud the governor's position to deregulate, rather than over regulate. By deregulating the inns this will have the affect of leveling the playing field, which is exactly what they have been asking for the past eight years. This type of thinking by our governor will help promote investment in our great state of Maine."

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The Way I See It

BY SHARON BOUCHARD

Now that real spring seems to have arrived, assuming that Mother Nature will not steal it away, my thoughts turn to sunny day, warm temperatures and gentle breezes.

It's a good time to start cleaning up the gardens and around the outside of the house. Dispose of the winter debris and give the grass and flowers a chance to feel the warmth of the sun. This is mindless, yet productive work and the perfect venue in which to daydream.

When I was a teenager there was nothing I liked better on the first warm days of spring than to sit in the sun and entertain myself with my wild daydreams.

I would imagine about all the interesting and exotic places I would one day travel to. They would be places where it was always warm and have an abundance of beautiful beaches and cute boys. Of course, I would be absolutely beautiful and the desire of all those cute boys who would shower me with gifts and praise.

Another favorite daydream on those warm sunny days was that I would someday be a famous actress, singer or engaged in some other high profile career. I would be the envy of everyone.

I still love to daydream on nice warm sunny days,

but my thoughts travel in a whole different direction than they did 50 or so years ago.

Now, rather than sitting in the sun I am much more apt to be holding a rake in my back yard suffering with blisters on my palms and an aching back.

My daydreams are much more apt to be about sitting in a warm bubble bath removing the garden dirt and

This is mindless, yet productive work and the perfect venue in which to daydream.

soothing my aching body.

If travel should enter into these wool gathering moments it would be about going to an appliance store to buy a new kitchen stove since my oven died over the weekend.

And, if I'm going to daydream about buying a new stove I'll have to daydream about winning the lottery because I can't afford a new stove right now and there is little room in the budget to figure it out.

And if I'm going to daydream about winning the lottery I might just as well daydream about all the other things I'm going to buy as

well as a new kitchen stove. Heck, I might just as well buy a beautiful new house with state of the art appliance already included.

Since my minivan is on its last tires daydreaming about what I would get for a new car or cars could also while away some time while pushing a rake around.

I guess daydreaming on a warm sunny day is as much fun for an older woman as it was for a teenage girl. It's just the nature of the daydreams that have changed a great deal.

Though none of my daydreams as a teenager were ever fulfilled I do expect that my older self will get to have that nice warm bubble bath. Sooner or later I'll have to get a new kitchen stove, but in the meantime I can still use the burners and I do have a microwave to fall back on.

I do not every expect to win the lottery even though I buy a ticket each week.

Daydreams are kind of silly, but a fun way to pass some time. The way I see it there is a chance, small thought it may be, that I could win the lottery and then the daydream of my younger self traveling to exotic places would become a reality. I'll have to forget about the cute boys, but some beautiful beaches would be quite a dream come true.

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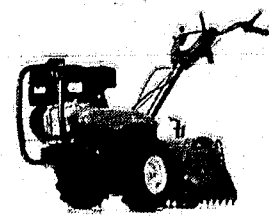
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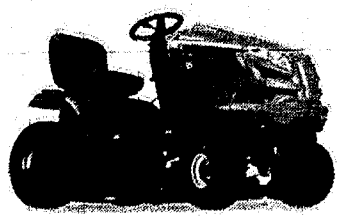
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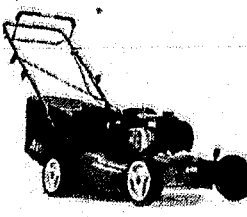
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MAHOOSUC MOUNTAIN RESCUE TRAINS IN BAXTER STATE PARK-The Mahoosuc Mountain Rescue Team, comprised of experienced winter hikers and technical climbers from the Bethel region, recently did its annual training in Baxter State Park. Members are shown here on Katahdin. The team has travelled to and trained on Katahdin for 31 consecutive years and has participated in a wide variety of backcountry rescues in both winter and summer. Team member Bob Baribeau of Bethel was recently named to the Baxter State Park Advisory Committee, which is appointed by the Baxter State Park Authority. The committee assists the park by working with the park director and other park administrators to provide an active forum for discussion, review, comment and critique in the formation and revision of policies, procedures and operational systems, according to the BSP website.

Submitted photo

OCSD Patrol Log

Monday, April 6

At 1:20 p.m. a caller in Greenwood reported someone had walked into a residence while a female was in the shower. The person had left, leaving the outside door open.

Tuesday, April 7

At 6 p.m. Sgt. Matt Baker responded to Mayville Road in Bethel for a report of a 15-year-old subject in custody for shoplifting.

At 9:42 a.m. Deputy Steve Witham spoke with a subject regarding a harassment issue in Woodstock. A subject was given a cease-harassment notice.

Friday, April 10

At 8:25 a.m. Deputy Andy Whitney received a report of an unlicensed driver driving in Bethel.

At 8:29 p.m. Sgt. Tim Ontengco responded to Church Street for a report of a suspicious vehicle. It was located on Railroad Street and the subjects advised they were looking for a friend. They were told not to go back to the area.

At 9:15 p.m. Sgt. Tim Ontengco and Deputy Willie Nelson tried to locate a vehicle in Bethel that reportedly had intoxicated juveniles in it who had just left a dance. The officers were on a domestic incident call and could not respond immediately. The vehicle was not located.

Saturday, April 11

At 9:01 p.m. Deputy Willie Nelson investigated a report of fireworks in Upton.

Sunday, April 12

At 11:31 a.m. Deputy Andy Whitney responded to a report of theft from a business in Bethel. The incident was under investigation.

At 11:47 p.m. Deputy Steve Witham conducted a traffic stop on Walkers Mills Road in Bethel. The driver was taken into custody for OUI.

Monday, April 13

At 9:28 a.m. Deputy Andy Whitney received a report of forgery and theft. An investigation was ongoing.

At 11:51 a.m. a Bethel resident reported his house was broken into and items were missing. Sgt. Tim Holland was assigned.

Bethel

By Nancy Brown



Earth Day is Wednesday, April 22. It's the 45th anniversary of the first Earth Day on April 22, 1970, which is generally credited with starting the modern environmental movement. This year's Earth Day activities will focus on educating people about climate change and encouraging people to put their money into renewable energy solutions, rather than fossil fuels. As far as I know there are no Earth Day activities planned in our area, but the Earth Day Network encourages people to do one thing for the environment that day. Their website encourages people to "Volunteer. Go to a festival. Organize an event in your community. Change a habit. Help launch a community garden. Do something nice for the Earth."

I started my spring roadside cleanup on Sunday, April 12. For more than 50 years my mother or I have cleaned the same stretch of Route 26 several times a year. Spring is a critical time. Tons of winter trash has accumulated along the roadways and the goal is to clean it up before it is washed through the ditches and into the streams and rivers where it will disappear from view. I take several large trash bags and a ski pole with me. The ski pole is used for snagging paper out of the water-filled ditches and for defense against early arriving snakes. So far this year the snow has kept the snakes in their winter burrows. I found the usual assortment of debris: bottles and cans (mostly beer and Red Bull), coffee cups (Big Apple, McDonalds, and Circle K), and cigarette packs and butts. The most unusual finds: a crayon box with sharpener still intact and a six-foot fence stake with a strand of rusted barbed wire wrapped around it.

The Maine Audubon Society needs help this year monitoring the presence of frogs and toads during their mating season. Even though the woods are still filled with snow, scientists expect that warm temperatures will bring out the peepers in the next few weeks. The amphibians will be active in vernal pools and wetlands. Observing the amphibians helps biologists understand how our local habitats are changing. Volunteers are especially needed in western Maine. To sign up, contact Susan Gallo at 207-781-2330 ext. 216 or sgallo@maineaudubon.org. You can learn more about

the amphibian program at www.maineaudubon.org/frogs.

I hate to hang up my snowshoes in the spring. Snowshoeing through the woods makes me feel independent and powerful. I can walk across frozen streams and over the tops of fallen trees and puckerbrush. In other seasons, the same hike can take twice as long. On Sunday I snowshoed through the swampy woods in back of my house. Despite the 60 degree temperature, I found about 90 percent of my trail was still covered by a foot or more of snow. I admit that the snow was wet and sometimes unstable, but it's hard to believe Maine Audubon's claim that the peepers will be out in force within two weeks.

This week there will be two Civil War films shown on Friday, April 17, at 7 p.m. at Gould Academy's Bingham Auditorium. There will be a short film of Ambrose Bierce's Civil War stories and then "Gettysburg" Part 2 will be shown. Part 1 of "Gettysburg" was shown on April 3. The films are part of the "Local & Legendary: Maine in the Civil War," a community project sponsored by the Bethel Historical Society, the Bethel Library, and Gould Academy. The program is funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities and was awarded by the Maine Historical Society and the Maine Humanities Council.

If you have news to share, please e-mail me at brown-nancy1950@gmail.com, or call me at 824-2483.

East Bethel

By Wally Ritz



All weekend and Monday I was not able to access my e-mail account. Has anyone else had that

problem with gmail?

It finally looks like spring has arrived, Monday was such a beautiful day and aside from some rain, the warmer temperatures seem to be here to stay.

March 26 sonny Hastings went to Atlanta, Ga. to visit his friend Shawn. They did some traveling around together. They went to Tennessee and Ruby Falls. Then headed up a mountain by cable. Next were Chattanooga and an aquarium. The following day they went to Huntsville, Ala., and visited the Space Mission Museum. Back in Atlanta, they did some driving around to take in the sights there. Last weekend Julie and Jack Warwick were here to visit. They, sonny and Bettyann did some shopping together and had a great time.

Now the answer to the Trivia: In 1965 Charles Newell was on the University of Maine's annual southern training tour with the Black Bears' varsity baseball squad. I was kind of surprised that I heard from only one person. Talk about baseball, pretty soon we should hear some news about the Maine Black Flies again.

Please, call me at 507-1008 or e-mail heinhcracker@gmail.com. It is always nice to hear from folks.

Have a great week and enjoy the sunshine.

Andover

By Jane C. Rich



Olde Home Day is an important event in the life of the community of Andover. Over the last 25 years the annual effort has been ably chaired by Vickie and Marshall Meisner and their crew who designed buttons and t-shirts and selected themes. The entire town owes them a debt of gratitude. Twenty-five years

is a long time to serve as the backbone of any event and I am personally grateful to them for keeping the celebration going all of these years. If we are to continue to have an annual Olde Home Day, then a new committee must be formed and to that end there will be a meeting this evening, April 16 at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall. This is the 35th anniversary and a theme has been suggested - celebrating 35 years of Olde Home Day 1980-2015. One of the ideas is asking people to recreate outstanding floats from the past for the parade. The dates for this year's celebration are July 31, August 1 and 2. Come to the meeting and let us hear your ideas and help us to make 2015 an outstanding Olde Home Day year.

Keep in mind that the Little Red Hen Diner is closed from April 12-27. Melissa and her family certainly deserve a rest as all of us gear up for summer in Andover and the influx of hikers from the Appalachian Trail. They will reopen on April 28.

The annual Birthday Supper will be held on Saturday, April 25 at the CEB dining room. Chair of the event is Laura Hutchins who has informed me the menu will be roast pork, baked potatoes and a variety of other side dishes along with birthday cakes for dessert. \$8 for adults and \$4 for children under 12.

Another great social time opportunity which has been announced at the Second Family Fun Day will take place on May 1 and 2. A spaghetti supper followed by a dance will be held on May 1. For more information contact Carol Emery at 892-3161. I will endeavor to find further events for this fun day and report next week.

This Saturday, the 18th, a number of people have volunteered to move me from 79 North Main Street to my



HUTCHINS HONORED FOR TRAIL WORK-The Wild River Riders Snowmobile Club recently surprised Jeff Hutchins with a BBQ celebration. The event was attended by 50 riders, friends, and family. Jeff was presented with an official Club Trailmaster jacket, in recognition of more than 30 years of maintaining the club's trail system.

Submitted photo

OCSD Jail Log

April 10, 10:17 a.m.: Daniel J. Marshall, 29, of Woodstock, violation of protection order; by Cpl. Justin Brown in Greenwood.

April 13, 12:14 a.m.: David W. Hadley, 55, of Bridgton, OUI; by Deputy Steve Witham in Bethel.

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new home at 135 South Main Street. The move will begin at 9 a.m. Thanks to Jim Coolidge for organizing this and to Leo Camire for the use of his trailer and to all of you who have said you would help out. I truly appreciate it as I am still unable to take on such a task myself. Once I get settled in and my health improves, I plan to have an open house to thank all of you and to allow the curious to see the house. Andover is truly a wonderful community of very caring people who have been there for me since my accident on Feb. 14. The healing process is very slow, but progressing. Being an extremely impatient person, it seems like forever to me, but I get encouragement from those who saw me immediately after and now tell me I'm doing great. Thank you all.

Bryant Pond

By Alice Hoyt



The Whitman Memorial Library program for April will be on Thursday, April 23 at 2 p.m. Gary Gallant from Rumford will give a demonstration on making wooden pens. He will also have some wooden pens to show. The public is invited to attend at no charge. There will be light refreshments.

Franklin Grange met on Monday, April 6 at the hall for a regular meeting. The charter was draped in loving memory of Gil Whitman. Richard Felt was installed as a member of the Executive Committee. A Mock Hee-Haw show will be held Saturday, May 2. They had Pomona Grange at the hall on Tuesday evening, April 7.

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday School at 9:15, Morning Worship at 10:30, Evening Service at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening at 6:30 is Mid-Week Service, Bloom for girls 13 to 18 and Foundations for guys 15 and up. Sunday, April 19 at 6 p.m. will be a special service with the Bloom class singing and testifying. This will be followed by a SNAC fellowship. There will be a special offering to benefit the upcoming summer camp.

We had a wonderful day Easter Sunday in spite of the snow storm in the morning, celebrating the resurrection of Jesus with breakfast at the church, then morning ser-



HELPING OTHERS-Kristine Fligg, 6, goes to Crescent Park. She likes to read, play outdoors and most of all she wants to do things that will make other people feel good. She donated to the Children's Miracle Network at RiteAid to help kids at the Barbara Bush Children's Hospital. She is shown here smiling when she claimed her prize from the daily raffle.

Submitted photo

vice. Then we had 31 family and friends for dinner plus three more for homemade ice cream and cake later. Then evening service. A full day, but a nice one.

If you have news, call 665-2460 or write me at PO Box 105, Bryant Pond, Maine, 04219.

Gilead

By Lin Chapman



Better, more spring-like weather, this past weekend. It is about time!

My brother, Steve McLain, said that there were daffodils coming up near the front of the house, right near the foundation.

Bob and Judy Bishop of Yarmouth called the other day. They had some relatives visiting recently. The children have never seen snow before, so Bob introduced the 5 year old boy and 9 year old girl to shovels. They went right to work on some of the snow that is left around the house. Too bad they were not around earlier in the winter when the driveway and path needed to be widened.

Lise McLain attended the Senior Club Luncheon at Roosters Roadhouse last week.

The Senior Citizens are selling tickets on a painting

of the Portland Head Light. The painting was painted by Marina McLain and donated to the Senior Club to raffle off as a fundraiser. Marina is the daughter of Major Stephen and 'Peachy' McLain and the granddaughter of Steve and Lise McLain. The drawing will be held in July. (I have seen a picture of the painting. It is beautiful and I plan on getting in line for tickets.)

The only different bird that was at the house this past week was a lone turkey. He came strolling out front from the back yard and spent quite a lot of time pecking at the seeds under the bird feeders.

Happy Birthday wishes to a few April birthday people. Grandchildren of Steve and Lise McLain who are celebrating this month are Quinn McLain (April 11) and Marina McLain (April 19). Kym Chapman, our daughter-in-law and Hugh Chapman share April 22 as their birthday.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com.

Hanover

By Maria Holloway



Welcome Christine Terkelsen, Hanover's new postal clerk. A resident of Hanover, since 2007, Christine began her po-

sition at the Hanover Post Office on April 4. Formerly of the Waterford Post Office, Christine is happy to be working close to home serving her Hanover neighbors. Most mornings Christine attends classes at Central Maine Community College where she is working on acquiring a degree in Accounting. Best of luck, Christine, in your new position.

Congratulations to Sarah Susbury and proud parents, Bob and Peg Susbury. Sarah recently completed her thesis and will be graduating in May with a Doctorate Degree from Virginia Tech.

Paulette Booth recently returned from a two-week stay with her grandchildren in California. Olivia and Anika were overjoyed with their grandmother's visit and look forward to seeing her again soon!

The Town Office will be closed on Thursday, April 23. The staff will be attending training for the new computer module, Vital Statistics. (Marriage, Birth and Death Certificates). The recent installation of the DMV module went without a hitch.

Stay tuned for details on another future meeting hosted by the Select Board regarding issues surrounding the option of withdrawal from RSU10.

The next Select Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 21 at 6 p.m. The next

Planning Board meeting will take place Wednesday, May 6 at 5 p.m.

News, comments, questions! Please email Hanover-MENews@gmail.com,

Locke's Mills

By Amy Wight Chapman



Ahhh, this is more like it! I hung laundry outside on Monday for the first time since last fall. The birdfeeders hanging from the crossbars of the clothesline are still seeing a lot of activity, so I'm reluctant to take them down. I'm just hoping the birds don't decide to leave their calling-cards on my sheets and towels.

One morning last week, Tony and I were watching the birds from the kitchen window, when a small hawk dove in out of nowhere, snatched a small bird, and flew off with it. The whole thing took about a second. Although I'm well aware that hawks have to eat, too, and this is just the course of nature, I have to admit that we were both a little traumatized to have watched it happen.

I went for an early-morning walk on the Greenwood Road on Sunday and saw a pileated woodpecker working away at a dead birch tree. I see (and hear) them quite often, but their size (and resemblance to the cartoon Woody Woodpecker) startles me every time. I try not to leave home without my camera, but of course I had forgotten it that day, and was only able to get a blurry photo with my phone.

This is the second year in a row that there has been plenty of ice on the local ponds to extend ice-fishing well into April, and I saw about a dozen traps set close to the shore of South Pond. It was breezy and still fairly chilly, and the fishermen were hunkered down inside a pop-up shelter—a nifty thing to have for late-season ice-fishing, since traditionally-built shelters had to be off the ice by April 1.

I was so sorry to hear that Diana Nadeau's adorable little pug, ZuZu, passed away suddenly on Saturday, most likely from meningioencephalitis, a disease of the central nervous system that affects small dog breeds. Our pets are family members, and my heart breaks whenever I hear about a friend's loss of a beloved companion. As animal activist Roger Caras said, "Dogs are not our whole life, but they make our lives whole."

The Red Sox are off to a pretty good start, 4-2 as of this writing, and of course I was pleased to see them take two out of three from the Yankees over the weekend.

I worked with Diddy Johnson at Bob's Corner Store for many years, and we remained friends for the rest of her life. I still miss talking baseball with her, even though she often cheered for the Yankees against my Red Sox.

When it came to baseball, Diddy was a fan of good play, plain and simple, and she'd cheer for whichever team deserved it most. I remember the first time we went to a game together at Fenway. We took a chartered bus to a Sox-Yankees game and sat in the grandstand on the first-base side, part of a solid block of passionate Boston fans.

At one point in the game, the Yankees made a couple of good plays in a row. Diddy stood up and cheered loudly, not caring that she was the only one in our section expressing her appreciation, and oblivious to the dirty looks she was getting.

After the second time, I tugged on her sleeve and told her I was afraid she was going to get beat up if she kept it up. She put her hands on her hips, turned around to face the hostile crowd of Sox fans behind us, and yelled at the top of her lungs, "You wouldn't beat up an old lady, would you?"

Remember to e-mail your news to amy.w.chapman@gmail.com or call 875-5511.

Mason

By Richard Grover



I think this winter without end is finally coming to an end. The past few days have finally begun to feel like spring! Maple syrup season only began at about the time it is usually ending. After mid-March, it finally began dripping sparingly, taking me two weeks to make 7 or 8 quarts of syrup. Then we had a two day warmup with some rain and snow flurries, and I had a bumper crop weekend and pulled my buckets off the trees, even though the sap has continued to run off and on since then.

There are now finally some patches of bare ground, and the robins have returned en masse! I have seen numerous mourning doves and some flocks of small black birds, but no woodcocks yet. Our Mason brooks and streams are finally nearly ice free, although a few ice bridges can still be found. There has been such a small amount of precipitation since about mid-February, that the water level in the streams has only risen slightly, mostly from melting snow.

I haven't seen the Androscoggin River in the past few days, but it was still mostly ice covered well past Dick Davis's birthday on April 3. He always used to say that the ice went out of the Androscoggin by his birthday just about every year!

I have been eager to get on with sawing my piles of tree length firewood, but the ice and snow have been a huge impediment. It has finally melted enough that I have managed to saw several cords, but most of the bottom layer of logs are frozen solid, and it is April 12 as I write this.

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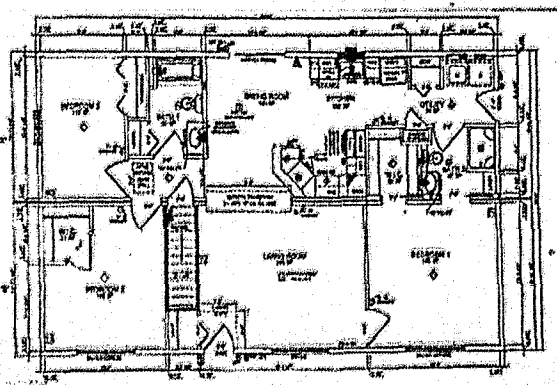
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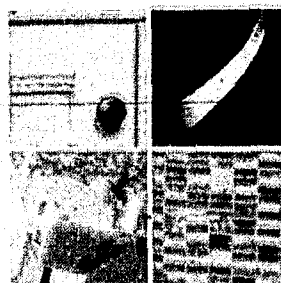


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mary election races are going to get interesting by the time of the first elections and straw poles early next year. The republican primaries are going to be hotly contested, at least until some of the debates are held, I think. Whoever wins, I hope will be a person who has been successful as a state governor or a leader in industry. I have had enough of people whose only experience has been as a Congressman or Senator, positions that require only debating skills and offer little in the way of leadership challenges. I offer up our current President and former Secretary of State Clinton as examples of a dearth of leadership. Isn't it interesting to see that Ms. Clinton began her campaign with a two minute video, offering no opportunity for the press to ask questions? Benghazi? Deleting e-mails? No comment!

South Woodstock

By Lolalee Dillingham

9:45 a.m., April 13
Good sunny morning to y'all, 36 degrees here with clear blue sky.

Looks like another beautiful day for us, the sun and wind have really taken a lot of snow away and it's beginning to truly look and feel like spring.

We moved some of our shepherd's hooks around on the lawn for the birds that will be arriving at the feeders within days. My first Bluebird arrived last week. I was surprised to see him so early. I didn't see his mate but I'm sure she was there in the trees some where's not far away. We put our water fountain out yesterday and got it filled with fresh water for drinking and bathing. They sure do love the fountain. I find they take their baths in the top bowl where the water shoots out from the top and use the bottom bowl to drink from. A great investment and I get such joy from watching the different species of birds fly in.

Spotted a few baby ducks on the bank at Snow Falls yesterday, didn't see the mother but I'm sure she was not far away.

Please remember to mark your calendars for Saturday, April 18 for the Fundraiser Supper for five month old Abby Elizabeth Black. This will be held at the West Paris Legion Hall (former Grange Hall). Donations of \$7 for adults and \$5 for children or \$20 for a family of four. Take outs available. FMI, call Anna at 207-685-9043.

There will be a Public Community Supper on Wednesday, April 29 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the Bethel Alliance Church on Route 26, Bethel (across from the Telstar High School).

Our daily thoughts and prayers are with those who are ill and not feeling the best these days.

Yogi swept out the garage yesterday to get rid of all the sand and salt from the winter months. We then rearranged some tables and furniture around so as to accommodate for the family gathering we are having here this Saturday. Paula and I will be providing the music from 2 to 4 p.m.

Yogi will make a dump run on Wednesday so as to get rid of things we are no longer in need of and to make room for our summer cook-outs for family and friends.

All the snow we had this winter was not good for our hedges, some of them were badly damaged and not sure if they will spring back or fill in with new growth.

The Dollar General Store is coming along nicely. Am anxiously awaiting for it to be complete and set up to open. The one in Auburn is very nice and I love stopping by to catch some of their specials when we are down that way.

The Poland Corporation is tearing down the old Trap Corner store/restaurant. So sad to see another town landmark gone.

Well, dear readers that's all from the valley this week. Stay well and enjoy each day the Lord blesses us with.

Upton

By Joe Bernier



The Upton Historical Society held its first meeting of 2015 on Sunday, April 12. Three officers



TELSTAR SINGERS AT DII VOCAL FESTIVAL-The Telstar Music Department has announced a record breaking seven musicians who made the District II Vocal Music Festival: Nick Johnson, Carla Boyle-Wight, Marta Ople, Aislinn Forbes, Nancy Huston, Chris Figaratto, and Elijah Laird. They came together with 14 other schools to create two full choir performances hosted by Portland High School. Submitted photos



TWO THS MUSICIANS AT D II-Two THS musicians participated in the District II Instrumental Music Festivals this year. Carla Boyle-Wight (Flautist) and Christian Brown (Trombonist) performed at the Festival at Leavitt Area High School. The two musicians have auditioned and have been accepted into instrumental festivals since they were in the fifth grade. "They are the true embodiment of what can be the result of musical perseverance," said THS music teacher Jenn Bennett.

and two members attended, enough to meet the 10 percent quorum requirement.

There was discussion about Forest Lodge and the Society's role in trying to preserve it for future generations. The group chose May 16 for outside clean-up day at the Lodge. They also decided to have their annual tour Sept. 5, Labor Day Weekend. Some other potential events and ideas at Forest Lodge were discussed.

There was no discussion about "Fun Day." More people, more ideas and more help are necessary for the Society to have an active role in the success of "Fun Day."

The next scheduled meeting is Sunday, May 17, 3 p.m. at the school.

The Letter B Notch Riders will meet Sunday, April 19, 9

a.m. at the Upton House.

The Upton Planning Board will meet Friday, April 24, at the town office.

I have not heard anything about ice-out in Umbagog Lake. So I assume that it has not yet happened.

Please call 533-2010 or e-mail backstjoe@gmail.com with your news.

Waterford

By Rockie Graham



April is National Poetry Month. That means that all kinds of readings are happening. Mountain Poets will hold their annual April reading on April 21 at 7 p.m. at the Fare Share Commons. There are ten local poets who are scheduled to read. This will NOT be an

open Mic Night. Only scheduled poets will read, but it should be a really fun event. All poetry lovers are welcome.

Finally the days are warmer. Sometimes it is sunny, sometimes not, but at least it isn't snowing - for now anyway. We still have a foot or more of snow in the yard, but the end is in sight. That is good. I can occasionally walk on the road if I go out early enough. Elsewise, it is too muddy and I go to Nor-

way, where I can walk with ease. I do not go too far, although I almost made it to the end of the road. It was too muddy to keep going.

Condolences go out to Marcel and Emily on the death of Marcel's mother, Henni Polak. Also to the family of Wayne Hakala. They will be missed.

Thursday, April 16, there will be a community supper at Wilkins House in Waterford. Hosts for the month are the Murphys. Bring a dish of food to

Whitman Memorial Library news

The Whitman Memorial Library in Bryant Pond is full of activities. We are welcoming new board member, Alice Deegan, to a three year term. We thank Stacy Millett for her several years of service to the board.

We are currently planning to have a float in the Bicentennial parade on June 20. We already have volunteer help, but would welcome more to help with decorating. The library will be open that day and there will be a book sale going on. We have lots of good books and the price will be right!

We have programs lined up right through June, so watch for advertising on that. We have a great variety of programs and there is no charge to attend. Our March program with surveyor Barry Allen was well attended and very interesting. On April 23, Gary Gallant from Rumford will demonstrate how he makes wooden ink pens. He will also have some finished pens to show. The program will begin at 2 p.m. In May we are having two programs. On May 14, Farmer Minor and his pig, Daisy, along with his two pug dogs, will present a program called Pig Out on Reading. Two classes from the Woodstock Elementary School will be attending, but the program is open to the public also. This program

will begin at 1 p.m. On May 21, Jean Federico of the Oxford County Soil and Water Conservation District will present information on invasive forest pests and invasive plants and what we can do to help battle these problems. This program will begin at 2 p.m. On June 19, at 2 p.m., Diane York of Bryant Pond will present a program on spring planting of flowers. So, please join us for any, or all of our programs.

New books are: "Red Hill," Jamie McGuire; "Return to Tradd Street," Karen White; "Last One Home," and "Love Letters," Debbie Macomber; "What's Left Behind," Lorrie Thompson; "Season of the Dragonflies," Sarah

Crech; "Leaving Time," Jodie Picoult; "Grey Mountain," John Grisham; "Lila," Marilynne Robinson; "A Man Called Ove," Fredrik Backman; "The Mistletoe Promise," Richard P. Evans; "Betrayed," Lisa Scottoline; "The Wild Rose," Jennifer Donnelly; "The Sand Castle Girls," Chris Boitjalian; "The Girl on the Train," and "The Escape," David Baldacci; "The Nightingale," Kristin Hannah; "Suddenly the Cider Didn't Taste so Good" and "The Cider Still Tastes Funny," John Ford; "Somewhere Safe with Somebody Good," Jan Karon; "The Pecan Man," Casse Selleck; "Angels Walking," Karen Kingsbury; "Deadline," San-

dra Brown.

We also have two new reference books. "Maine in the Civil War" is basically a book that tells you where to find books about Maine in the Civil War. We also have the book "Historical Atlas of Maine," edited by Stephen J. Hornsby and Richard W. Judd. The cartographic designer is Michael J. Hermann.

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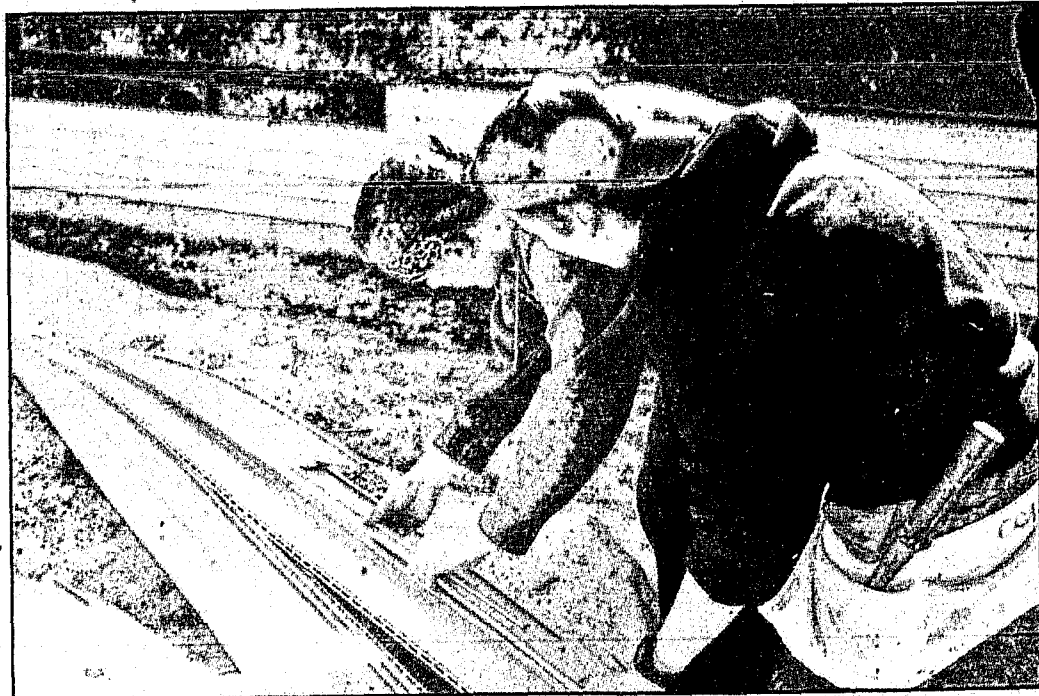
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TELSTAR INTERACT LENDS A HELPING HAND—Members of Telstar's Interact Club (the high school level of the Rotary Club) went to Norway on Sunday to help, at a self-help housing project, in association with Community Concepts. The self-help program allows low income families work together in groups of six and assist each other in building their homes. The interact members learned how to properly work with and install vinyl siding and trim on much of three walls, while gaining community service and volunteerism experience. Here, Kellen True and Elijah Laird trim siding to fit around windows.

Austin Bear

Open Air

BY TOM REMINGTON

Parasites and Moose Watching

Money drives just about everything in one form or another. Perhaps the issue of Maine's iconic moose being in a bit of trouble due to a parasite commonly referred to as the moose tick or winter tick - *dermacentor albipictus*, is, in part, from the demand for moose watching. Simple math tells us that in order to be more successful in seeing moose (beside the road) is to have a higher, statewide moose population. We might now be seeing some of the results of growing too many moose.) varied from .8 moose per square mile (mpsm) to as high as 3.4 mpsm. The plan called for population management goals to run between 55 and 65 percent of carrying capacity (the upper limit of which the habitat will support moose).

The moose tick growth in Maine is being conveniently blamed on global warming. That's a tough pill to swallow when some research shows us that *dermacentor albipictus* is found from Texas to the Yukon. While the weather (there is a difference between climate and weather) may have some influence on the life cycle of the tick, studies suggest that in the long-term the moose tick is not bothered much by the weather or climate. It's quite a persistent and adaptable parasite.

For the tick to survive, it must have a host, i.e. the moose. Moose are poor groomers and is, perhaps, the number one reason the moose is picked on by the tick even though this same tick can be found in other "ungulates," including cows, dogs, deer, elk, and horses. For these reasons, then, it shouldn't be too difficult to conclude that the moose, covering more ground across the state, results in an increase in ticks, perhaps even exponentially.

In 1999, the last time the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (MDIFW) drafted a moose management plan and moose assessment, the estimated moose population stood at 29,000. Today, MDIFW says the number is closer to 65,000 - that may be down from 75,000 - 90,000 from just a short time ago. The loss is at least partly attributed to ticks. Lee Kantar, MDIFW's moose biologist, recently said that the majority of radio-collared moose calves - part of an ongoing study - that died did so at the hands of winter ticks.

In that 1999 assessment, moose densities within regions (comprised of 2 or more Wildlife Management Dis-

Sports

Telstar High School Baseball preview

Returning players:

Seniors: Chris Chappie (outfield/pitcher); Noah Rose (outfield)

Juniors: - Hunter Williamson (outfield/pitcher); Reggie Westleigh (pitcher/2nd base)

Jack Connell: (catcher); Fabian Corriveau (outfield/1st base).

Sophomores: Josh Eliot (pitcher/1st base); Tanner Wheeler (shortstop/pitcher)

Newcomers:

Senior: Michael Dougherty

"I am excited about the upcoming season. If the guys do what they know they need to do, then we should be more competitive than last year. A lot of pressure will be on our young pitching staff, with sophomore Josh Eliot and junior Reggie Westleigh leading the way. I look to Tanner Wheeler and senior captain Chris Chappie to play large roles in every game. Catcher Jack Connell has another year of experience under his belt, and Hunter Williamson should be able to anchor our outfield. We should also see Fabian Corriveau's role with the team grow throughout the season. Senior new omer Michael Dougherty is showing some early potential.

We have a large number of talented freshmen joining us this year, which enables us to bring back the JV team. Coach Ryan Kimball joins the program as their coach. This year it is all about the program, not just the varsity team. We want to bring back the love for the game and hopefully continue to grow. The varsity team will open its season at home against Mountain Valley on Friday, April 24 at 4:30 p.m. Please come out and support the team.

- Coach John Eliot



SHUTOUT—Former Telstar pitcher Kyle Peterson pitched a 4-0 shutout for the University of Maine at Farmington last week, in a game against Lyndon State College of Vermont that was played at Kents Hill. He pitched the full seven-inning game and had a pick off on first base. Submitted photo

tricts) varied from .8 moose per square mile (mpsm) to as high as 3.4 mpsm. The plan called for population management goals to run between 55 and 65 percent of carrying capacity (the upper limit of which the habitat will support moose).

Without breaking down for you by each region, generally speaking .8mpsm is below management goals and 3.4mpsm is above.

Today, Maine has 65,000 moose - an increase of about 2.6 times the number in 1999. There is an argument here to be made that 65,000 moose are too many and may be the single biggest factor in the increased presence of moose ticks.

What's this got to do with moose watching? It is no secret, and is spelled out in the 1999 assessment that the two major considerations in de-

termining moose population goals are a scientific method of determining carrying capacity and the social demands for wildlife viewing, i.e. moose watching. This is also where finding the right balance between social demands and science become difficult. Reality and real science often conflict. This is one of those times.

We all want a healthy moose population. Hunters would like to have more moose to fill their freezers and wildlife watchers don't want to spend money and come up empty. If, someday, it is proven that 65,000 moose are too many for Maine, then it would appear sacrifices by everyone will have to be made.

You can find more articles on wildlife and outdoor issues by visiting tomremington.com

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share and a friend, too. Rolls and beverages will be provided.

Also on the April 16 as part of the Earth Day kickoff, there will be a discus-

sion of climate change. Sean Birkel PhD will give a talk to discuss the science behind climate change. There will be a discussion following the talk.

Don't forget the poetry reading next Tuesday, April 21. See you there.

That is all for this week. Enjoy the sunshine. Use sunscreen.

Richard Blanco tickets on sale

Inaugural Poet, Richard Blanco will present a program of poetry, storytelling and life reflections on Friday, May 1, 2015. This program, which is open to the public, is sponsored by the Norway Memorial Library's Lifelong Learning Fund, and it will be held at the Second Congregational Church UCC at 205 Main Street in Norway.

Tickets are now available for purchase at the Norway Memorial Library and Books N Things in Norway for \$10 per person. The Library will hold tickets to be picked up at the door of the event if they are paid for in advance. This can be done by sending a check to the

Library or by using a credit card at Books N Things.

Richard Blanco was selected by the White House to be the fifth inaugural poet, following in the footsteps of Robert Frost, Maya Angelou and Elizabeth Alexander. At President Obama's inauguration on Jan. 21, 2013, Blanco read the poem, "One Today," which he wrote for the occasion. In this poem he calls Americans to draw together in all our diversity and reminds us that we are all unified under "one sun" and "one sky." Shortly after the inauguration, he wrote a reflection on his personal journey as the inaugural poet in a book published in 2013 called, "For All of Us One

Today.

Blanco has resided in Bethel for the past few years where he has been active in the community. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering and a Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing. His memoir, "The Prince of Cocuyos," about growing up in Miami, Fla., as a Cuban American, was published in 2014 by Ecco, an imprint of Harper Collins.

Blanco will sign copies of his books following his talk. Books will be made available for purchase by Book N Things at the event and leading up to the event at the bookstore, located at 430 Main Street in Norway.

The Richard Blanco program is the first in a projected series of special programs that will be supported by the Library's Lifelong Learning Fund. Ticket sales will replenish the fund that aims to bring to the community "special programs and projects that encourage people of all ages to explore ideas, expand horizons, and discover and build connections for a lifetime of reading and learning."

For more information about this event call the Norway Memorial Library at 743-5309 ext. 1, check the Library's website at www.norway.lib.me.us or follow the event details on Facebook.

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School Lunch Menu

SAD 44 School Lunches April 16 and 17

Elementary Schools

Thursday: Italian sandwich or sun butter and fluff on wholegrain bread with cheese stick, veggie choices, kids' snack mix, diced pears.

Friday: Maxx pizza sticks with dipping sauce, baby carrot slims, fruit juice, fruit crisp.

Telstar

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MAHOOSUC KIDS

Enrichment opportunities for the children in SAD #44

From the Director

Happy Spring from all of us at Mahoosuc Kids! We were so excited to be able to visit and participate in the Tap of the Town maple sugar event recently. The kids really had fun. Thanks to all who organized this great community event.

We are excited about some upcoming events here at MKA. WES is starting a community garden and photography classes. CPS is sponsoring a Bike Rodeo in conjunction with the CPS May Fair on May 9th from 10 - 12.

MKA is also offering 6 weeks of spring swimming lessons beginning on Thursday, May 7th at the Riverview Pool. See more information in our Bethel Citizen ad.

The TMS/THS sites are moving their Archery classes outside because of the overwhelming interest.

Our Summer Adventure Program is just about ready to publish as we are just waiting to confirm field trip destinations. The dates are June 29th - August 14th. All information will be on our website by the end of April.

MKA is offering a discounted rate for our students at the Bryant Pond 4-H Camp during school vacation week. It looks like we survived the winter...enjoy spring everyone!

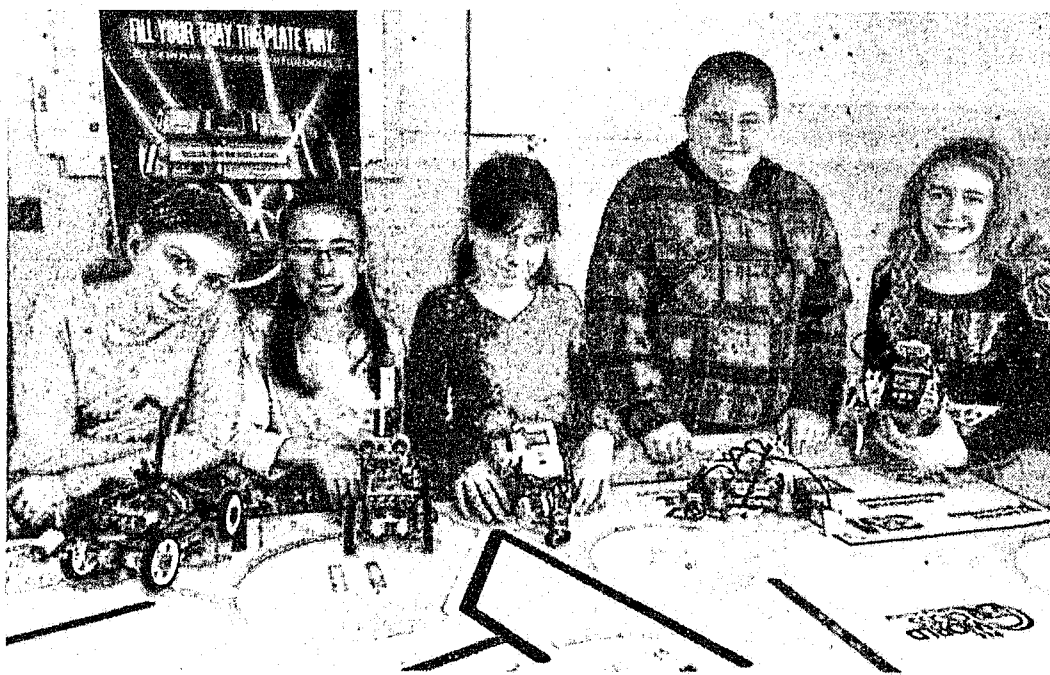
Julie Hart,
MKA Director



Gabe Perkins leading the kids in maple syrup production!



Hauling sap at Tap of the Town!



MKA Spring LEGO team at Telstar STEM Fair.



Group games are the best! Noah Phelps, Bella DeVivo, Charlotte Lambert, Addie Charette, Felicity Indermuehle, Gigi DeVivo, Landyn Blaisdell, and Celia Melanson



The cast of
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Max Merrill
proudly displays
his cool
Lego ship.



Jayden Mitchell
happily sewing.



Jocelyn Nivus
enjoys sewing
class with
her pals.



Parker Nellis
proudly displays
his sewing skills.



Shelis Chuga playing dinosaur in our 'forest' of bean and sunflower sprouts.



Forest Pelletier, Seth Dupuis, Reece Pierce, and Carson Koskela having fun in karate.



Odessa Files as the cowardly lion, Bella DeVivo as Dorothy, Celia Melanson as the tin woman, and Addie Charette as the scarecrow in the production of The Wizard of Oz.

Mahoosuc Kids Association Swim Lessons



Mahoosuc Kids is thrilled to offer swim lessons during our after school program Thursday afternoons at the River View Pool.

This program will run April 30th to June 4th.
Anticipated classes - subject to change:

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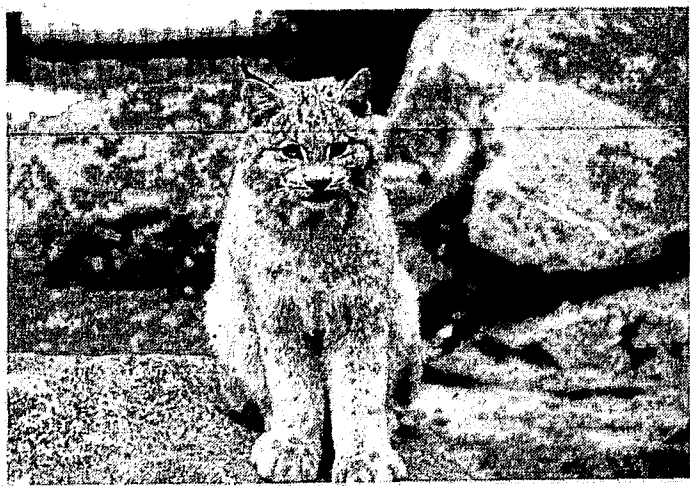
Maine Wildlife Park opening for 2015 season

The Maine Wildlife Park, located on Route 26 in Gray, will open for the 2015 season on Friday, April 17 at 9:30 a.m. — just in time for school vacation the following week. Even though visitors will not need their snowshoes, there will be a few remaining snow banks as the park grounds are still melting.

The brand new Canada lynx exhibit is sure to be a favorite with visitors this year. Our two lynx kittens have grown substantially over the winter, and use their climbing logs, trees, boulders and exhibit space to the fullest extent. A formal dedication of the exhibit, funded in large part by the Friends of the Maine Wildlife Park, will take place at 11 a.m. Friday, May 1.

The most popular animals in the park have to be the moose. The park currently has four moose in residence, our oldest bull is going on 11 years of age, a younger bull is two this year and just dropped his antlers; the two cows are ages six and a yearling.

Our audio tour has been enhanced as a dynamic park touring tool with the launch of a new mobile web app! Using their smart phones and mobile devices, visitors will now have more information available than ever before about Maine's native wildlife. Visitors can ac-



cess the tour by scanning QR codes in the park, or through the park's website, to find out so much more about our many wildlife species! This tool is also a great resource to learn more about the park and its wildlife from the classroom or from home.

A variety of new weekend events are planned for the summer, beginning Saturday, May 2, with the "Wild Cats of Maine." The following week, build a birdhouse to take home, and further on through the season you can enjoy a winter ecology program, practice archery, learn about and see live snakes and turtles, meet

Donn Fendler from "Lost on a Mountain in Maine," or Bob Crowley from the popular TV show "Survivor." The Center for Wildlife, Atlantic Salmon and Honeybees will also be featured as weekend events. Favorites like the Open

House/Farmers Market, Pow Wow, Chainsaw Artists, Northwoods Law Day, Rick Charette and Halloweefest will all be back as well. Plan to purchase your Family Season Pass now so you don't miss any of the fun; and be sure to pick up an Event Calendar! Keep up with current photos, stories and events on Facebook too.

Many families cannot wait to visit their favorite animals after the long winter, but close to 20,000 followers have "kept in touch" with our wildlife via Facebook over the winter, "liking" and commenting on photos posted of our wildlife as they adapted to winter snow and cold. But everyone's ready to see the moose, bears, lynx, cougar, eagles, owls, foxes and more again in person!

The Maine Wildlife Park is owned and operated by the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wild-

life. The park exists to promote an understanding and awareness of the wildlife, conservation and habitat protection programs and projects of MDIFW.

The Maine Wildlife Park has over 30 species of native wildlife on display, plus wildlife gardens, nature trails, a fish hatchery and other interactive exhibits and displays. The park is open daily from April 17 through Nov. 11 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; visitors must leave the premises by 6 p.m.

Admission to the park is free for ages 3 and under; \$5.50 ages 4 to 12; \$7.50 for adults, and \$5.50 for seniors. Groups of 15 or more are \$3.50 per person. Bring a picnic and spend the day! Family and Community Season Passes are available, and are an incredible bargain for families and groups that visit the park several times over the course of the summer.

Remember that Family Passes make a great gift and are available for purchase in the Department of Fish & Wildlife's online store at www.mefishwildlife.com.

For more information about any of these programs, please call the Maine Wildlife Park at 207-657-4977 or visit us online at www.maine-wildlife.com, www.mefishwildlife.com or on Facebook!

News from the Bethel Historical Society

"Local & Legendary"

Film Series Continues Through April

The "Local & Legendary: Maine and the Civil War" project continues this Friday and next at 7 p.m. when three Civil War films will be shown at Gould Academy's Bingham Hall auditorium. The second half of "Gettysburg," plus a dramatization of one of author/soldier Ambrose Bierce's Civil War stories, will be presented on April 17. On April 24, the final film will be "Cold Mountain." The "Local & Legendary" project is a collaboration between Gould Academy, the Bethel Library Association and the Bethel Historical Society. It is sponsored by the Maine Historical Society and Maine Humanities Council, with funding provided by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

April 25 BHS Event Remembers Lincoln

A program entitled "Lincoln and the Civil War," marking the 150th anniversary of President Abraham Lincoln's assassination on April 14, 1865, will take place at the Society's Dr. Moses Mason House on Saturday, April 25, beginning at 2 p.m. Executive Director Randall Bennett will open the event with brief remarks about a large portrait of Lincoln presented to Gould Academy in 1911 and now on permanent loan to BHS. Participants will next view a film on the program topic, with time set aside afterwards for questions and comments. The special program will conclude with the viewing of a private collection of original documents written and signed by President Lincoln which have been loaned especially for this occasion. The event is free and open to the public.

Yankee Ingenuity Museum Trail Website

A dozen Maine historical organizations and museums, including the Bethel Historical Society, will participate this coming summer and fall in the "Yankee Ingenuity Museum Trail," whose website (<http://www.yankeeingenuitymuseumtrail.org/>) has just gone live. Visitors to the Museums of the Bethel Historical Society will explore the theme of "Yankee Ingenuity" as they tour the Dr. Moses Mason House (1813), which contains a wide variety of eighteenth and nineteenth century examples of the decorative arts, plus captivating wall murals painted during the 1830s and attributed to Jonathan D. Poor, a nephew of Rufus Porter. Throughout the building's nine period rooms, special signs will direct the visitor's attention to architectural features and notable objects (including furnishings designed and built by Dr. Mason) that reflect the resourcefulness, inventiveness and creativity of Maine's nineteenth century inhabitants.

Located at Bethel, Maine (founded in 1768 as "Sudbury Canada"), the Bethel Historical Society collects, preserves, displays and interprets the history of western Maine and the White Mountain region of Maine and New Hampshire through exhibits, lectures, events, and publications. The "Museums of the Bethel Historical Society" feature six exhibit galleries and nine period rooms spread throughout two buildings—the 1821 O'Neil Robinson House and the 1813 Dr. Moses Mason House. An extensive on-site research library and archives contains books, manuscripts, maps and photographs available to members and the general public year-round by appointment. The newly-constructed Mary E. Valentine Collections Wing preserves thousands of historic objects that tell the story of the town of Bethel and the surrounding region. Throughout the year, the Society provides a full schedule of high quality events (most free of charge), for people of all ages.

Real Estate Transfers

Greenwood

Town of Greenwood to Patricia Tuthill of Warwick, R.I., land at Map U02A Lot 6 Bird Hill Road. \$5,500, Jan. 6, 2015.

Town of Greenwood to Nick and Janet Bartlett, land at 9 Bird Hill Road. \$11,000, Jan. 6, 2015.

Town of Greenwood to Lawrence Stiffler and Mary McFadden of Brookline, Mass., land at Map R08 Lot 33 Willis Mills Road. \$5,500, Jan. 6, 2015.

Town of Greenwood to Donald and Johanna Law-

rence of Bryant Pond, land at Map R20 Lot 9. \$500, Jan. 6, 2015.

Town of Greenwood to Donald and Johanna Lawrence of Bryant Pond, land at Map U02 Lot 1. \$6,500, Jan. 6, 2015.

Onorati Family Trust II to Chadbourne Tree Farms, LLC of Bethel, land at 59 Pine Ridge Road. \$38,000, Jan. 9, 2015.

Newry

The Colony Development Company, LLC to Kurt E. Forsgren of Wellesley, Mass., property at 155 Pa-

triot Drive. \$512,500, Dec. 31, 2014.

Tempest Development, LLC to Michael P. Visconti, III of Boston, Mass., condominium at 6 Parrot Drive. \$470,000, Dec. 31, 2014.

Maine Mountain Properties, LLC to Janet B. Pecunies Revocable Trust of Portsmouth, N.H., Lot 50 at the Peaks subdivision. \$159,000, Jan. 8, 2015.

Elizabeth J. Ballo Revocable Trust to Alexander J. and Douglas J. Delorey of Lakeville, Mass., con-

dominium at White Cap. \$117,000, Jan. 9, 2015.

David G. North to Elizabeth L. Johnson of Kennebunkport, property at 27 Aspen Lane. \$365,000, Jan. 9, 2015.

Maine Mountain Properties, LLC to Maple Grove Realty Trust of Dorchester, Mass., Lot 25 at the Peaks subdivision. \$129,000, Jan. 14, 2015.

Doreen L. Morrow to Justin W. Funk of Old Orchard Beach, condominium at 10 Brookside Drive. \$149,000, Jan. 15, 2015.

Regular meetings and events

MUNICIPAL

Bethel Selectmen: Second Monday of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Bethel Planning Board: Second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Bethel Water District: Third Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Gilead Selectmen: Second Wednesdays of the month, 6 p.m., Town Office.

Gilead Planning Board: First Thursdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Greenwood Selectmen: First and third Tuesdays of the month, 5 p.m., Town Office.

Hanover Selectmen: Third Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m. unless otherwise posted.

Hanover Planning Board: First Wednesday, 6 p.m.

Newry Selectmen: First and third Tuesdays of the month, 5 p.m., Town Office.

Newry Planning Board: First and third Wednesdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Woodstock Selectmen: First and third Tuesdays, 5 p.m., Town Office.

Woodstock Planning Board: First and third Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Town Office.

SAD 44 School Board: Second Monday of the month, 6:30 p.m., Telstar High School (occasionally meet at other schools; call 824-2185 for info).

ORGANIZATIONS

Andover

Mondays and Tuesdays, 4:30 p.m.-Andover Fitness Club, Andover Elementary School gym.

Bethel

First Sunday of month, 7 p.m. - Bethel Snow Twisters at 208 Walkers Mills Rd.

Third Sunday of each month, 9 a.m. - Breakfast open to the public at no charge at Bethel Church of the Nazarene.

First Wednesday, 6:30-8 p.m. - Lyme Disease Support & Education Group at Beacon House Peer Center, 3 Canal St. Rumford. FMI: 357-1926 or 824-3076.

Third Wednesday, 6:30-8 p.m. - Lyme Disease Support & Education Group at Telstar High School Library (starting April 15). FMI: 357-1926 or 824-3076.

Last Wednesday of the month, 4:30 to 6 p.m. - Community Supper at Bethel Alliance Church. No charge. FMI: 207-824-2289.

Thursdays, 10 to 11 a.m. - Story Time for Children at Bethel Library (story plus craft) with participating mothers. October thru April. FMI: call 824-2520.

Second Thursday of the month, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; fourth Thursday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. - Cross Country Quilters of Pine Tree Quilt Guild of Maine meet at the Alliance Church on Route 26 in Bethel. All quilters welcome. FMI: e-mail Pat McCartney at p_quilts@yahoo.com or call 896-3575.

Woodstock

Second Saturday of month, 6 p.m. - Woodstock Historical Society meeting at the Museum.

Norway/Paris/West Paris

Tuesdays 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.-West Paris Baptist Church group to foster wellness for anyone searching for faith based support. The group is intended for those facing the challenges of grief, loss, addiction, codependency, and abuse issues. Light refreshments will be provided.

Third Wednesday of the month, Women's Imaging Center, Stephens Memorial Hospital, Norway, offering pro-

fessional prosthetic and bra fittings for women on For appointment call 743-5993 Ext. 6851.

Second Thursday of the month, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Harper Conference Center, Ripley Medical Office Building, 193 Main Street, Norway. Staying on Your Feet, a free one-time course for adults aged 60 and over. Course includes balance screening, blood pressure check, leg-strength measurement, and education on staying fit.

Fridays 9:15 a.m. - Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge, Norway. For more information, call Les Buzzell at 783-4153 or 754-9153; or e-mail: buzz116@myfairpoint.net.

Hebron

Sundays 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. - Seasonal Public Skating, Robinson Arena, Hebron. Adults, \$3/Children 12 and under, \$2/WinterKids Passport holders, free. FMI: 966-2100.

Support services

SAFE Voices

Safe Voices serves all of Oxford County and provides emergency shelter, court advocacy and support groups with child care. Rumford office 369-0750; Norway office 743-5806; 24 hour hotline 1-800-559-2927

REACH

Rape Education and Crisis Hotline 1-800-871-7741. Sexual assault/sexual abuse hotline, same number. Support groups and awareness education, past or present victims of abuse.

AA Meetings/Addiction help

Bethel Freedom Group. Open Discussion Meeting. Saturdays at 4:30 in the Snow Cap Inn conference room, next to the fitness room. Sunday River. Seasonal, Thanksgiving through April 1. Big Book Meeting Sundays at 6 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, Main Street. 12 Step/Traditions Meeting Tuesdays at 6pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street. Candlelight Discussion Meeting Fridays at 6 p.m. at Bethel United Methodist Church, Main Street.

People in recovery from alcohol/drug addiction may need to move to a Next Step group. Open to everyone who feels they may benefit from a change. FMI: Laurence Austin at 824-4077 (calls confidential)

Cancer Wellness

Support and Education for cancer patients, survivors and caregivers. Every Thursday, 1:30 to 3 p.m. Rumford Hospital, Room 357. (877) 336-7287. Call to confirm in stormy weather.

Exchanges/Pantries

Clothing Exchange

Bethel Park, 23 Mason Street, Bethel. Hours: Monday 1 to 4, Thursday 4 to 6, Saturday, 10 to 12. Donations of gently-used clothing only accepted during open hours. No exceptions. 824-4090. Clothing may also be dropped off at Northeast Bank on Main Street.

Food Pantry

The Bethel Food Pantry serves residents of Albany, Andover, Bethel, East Bethel, West Bethel, Bryant Pond, Gilead, Greenwood, Hanover, Locke's Mills, Mason Township, Newry, Upton, and Woodstock.

The Food Pantry is open on the second Monday of each month from noon until 8 p.m. Anyone who needs food should come during those hours, without appointment. The Food Pantry is located in the basement of the Nazarene Church, 16 Church Street in Bethel by the side entrance on Park Street.

Help for the Homeless

Rumford Group Homes, Inc. operates three homeless shelters, a Maternity Group Home program for homeless pregnant and parenting youth ages 18-21 and Case

Management services. Emergency shelter services include the South Paris Men's Shelter, the Norway Family Center for women and their children and the Rumford Family Center for homeless families. To make a referral or to request assistance, please call 743-6363 in the Norway area or 369-9439 in the Rumford area Monday through Friday from 9am-5pm. For more information about Rumford Group Homes, Inc., call 364-3551 or visit www.rumfordgrouphomes.org.

Mental illness

Beacon House Social Club, 150 Congress Street, Rumford, a drop-in social club for adults suffering with mental, emotional, or physical illness, provides support, relaxation, and socialization. Monday 1 to 5 p.m.; Tuesday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Wednesday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Wednesday 3 to 8 p.m.; Friday 2 to 7 p.m.; Saturday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oxford County Mental Health Services, support for adults and children with mental illness, same location, second floor, open Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 364-3549 or (800) 335-9999, or in off-hours 928-3222.

Veterans' Services

Maine Veterans Home, S. Paris, Veterans' Advocate visits first and third Wednesday each month, 9-12 noon (743-6300); Rumford 9 to 12 noon second Thursday at VA Clinic at 431 Franklin St. (369-3272). Maine Veterans' Services is located at 29 Westminster St., Lewiston (783-5306). (No visits in July)

Multiple services

Community Concepts provides Oxford County Head Start, childcare, free rides to Maine Care appointments, subsidized apartments (Bethel, Brownfield, Fryeburg, Norway, Rumford, South Paris), affordable home-ownership opportunities, homeless shelter and assistance with home heating or weatherizing. FMI: call (800) 866-5588 or visit www.community-concepts.org.

Alzheimer's Support

An Alzheimer's Support Group meets the 3rd Wednesday of every month from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Rumford Community Home located at 11 John F. Kennedy Lane. All are welcome. For more information call Sue Ellen Richardson, Social Service Director or Terry Drury, Residential Director at 364-7863.

Brain injury support

Brain Injury Support Group for individuals with brain injuries and their families. West Side NeuroRehab, 618 Main St., Lewiston. First Monday of the month, 6 to 8 p.m. FMI: Deb Hammer 795-6110.

Library hours

Andover Library: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday 1 to 4:30 pm; Thursday 1 to 4:30 & 6 to 8 p.m. Tel: 392-4841

Bethel Library: Monday 9 to 1; Tuesday 1-5; Wednesday 1 to 8; Thursday & Friday 1 to 5 Saturday, 9 to 1. Story Hour Thursdays, 9 to 10 a.m., October to May. Tel: 824-2520.

Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond: Tel: 665-2505. Tuesday and Thursday, 1 to 5 p.m.

West Paris Library, West Paris: Monday 1:30 to 6; Wednesday 1:30 to 7; Friday 1:30 to 6; Saturday 10 to 2. Patty Makley, Librarian. Tel: 674-2004

Gardner Roberts Memorial Library, Hanover: Wednesday, 9 to 3; Thursday, 5 to 8; Saturday, 9 to noon.

Calendar items may be brought to the Citizen office, e-mailed to news@bethelcitizen.com or faxed 824-2426. Deadline is Monday at Noon.

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Blanco to introduce poet Rachel McKibbens at Gould

In celebration of National Poetry Month, Gould Academy will welcome award-winning poet Rachel McKibbens and Inaugural Poet Richard Blanco to its Bingham Hall auditorium on Thursday, April 23, at 7:30 p.m., for a free public reading by Ms. McKibbens.

She is a New York Foundation for the Arts poetry fellow and author of the critically acclaimed volume of poetry, *Pink Elephant* (Cypher Books,

2009). McKibbens is a legend within the poetry slam community, noted for her accomplishments both on and off the stage: she is a nine-time National Poetry Slam team member, has appeared on eight NPS final stages, coached the New York louderARTS poetry slam team to three consecutive final stage appearances, is the 2009 Women of the World Poetry Slam champion and the 2011 National Underground Poetry Slam

individual champion. For four years McKibbens taught poetry through the Healing Arts Program at Bellevue Hospital in Manhattan and continues to teach poetry and creative writing and give lectures across the country as an advocate for mental health awareness, gender-equality and victims of violence and domestic abuse.

Her appearance, which is part of The Richard Blanco Visiting Writers

Program and Retreat — a collaboration between Richard Blanco and Gould Academy — continues the program's mission to celebrate living writers and build appreciation for contemporary work.

Mr. Blanco will introduce Ms. McKibbens at the Thursday night event, as well as host her at his Bethel, Maine cottage for two weeks, during which time she will receive an honorarium for working with Gould students and

faculty.

"Part of what I learned over the process of being the inaugural poet was that we as a country need to continue to create new generations of readers and appreciators of poetry," Blanco says. "Through contact with contemporary work and contemporary authors, my hope is that students at Gould Academy can develop that appreciation and understand that poetry, just like any art, is

still vibrant and alive today — one that can teach us about ourselves and about the world."

For more information on Rachel McKibbens' reading on April 23 or on The Richard Blanco Visiting Writers Program and Retreat, visit gouldacademy.org or contact Darcy Lambert at lambertd@gouldacademy.org or 207-824-7778.

For more information on Richard Blanco, visit richard-blanco.com.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

District Exchange; Bethel Park, 23 Mason Street, Bethel. Hours: Monday 1 to 4 p.m., Thursday 4 to 6 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Donations of gently-used clothing only accepted during open hours — No exceptions. FMI: 824-4090. Clothing may also be left at Northeast Bank, Main Street, Bethel Monday through Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Thursday and Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturday 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Bethel Area Food Pantry; serving the residents of Albany, Andover, Bethel, East Bethel, West Bethel, Bryant Pond, Gilead, Greenwood, Hanover, Locke's Mills, Mason Township, Newry, Upton and Woodstock. The Food Pantry is open on the second Monday of each month from noon to 8 p.m. Anyone in need of food should come during those hours, without appointment. The Food pantry is located in the basement of the Nazarene Church, 16 Church Street, Bethel, by the side entrance on Park Street.

April 16 and 26

Hunter Safety — Firearms; Thursday, 6 to 9 p.m., Sunday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Telstar High School Library. Study includes proper operation and use of equipment, maps and compass; first aid and survival laws; and land-owner relations and ethics. Participants must be 10 years old or older; those 10-12 years old must be accompanied by an adult. \$10 per person. This is a Home Study course. Materials will be handed out and explained at the other class. Student must attend all classes. Limit 25. Call soon for this class fills up quickly! FMI/Registration: 824-2780 or <http://sad44.maineadulted.org>.

Friday, April 17

Civil War Movies in April — Ambrose Bierce: Civil War Stories and Gettysburg Part 2; 7 p.m. at Gould Academy's Bingham Auditorium free of charge. Presented by "Local and Legendary: Bethel, Maine in the Civil War," co-sponsored by The Bethel Library, The Bethel Historical Society, Gould Academy, The Maine Humanities Council and The Maine Historical Society.

Saturday, April 18

Indoor Yard Sale; 8 a.m. to 12 noon, the Wilkins House, Waterford. Many new items have been received over the winter including games, books, crafts and household items. There is something for everyone. The Wilkins House is located on Plummer Hill Road next to the church in the center of Waterford. All proceeds from the sale benefit the Wilkins House and the Church.

Shitake Mushroom Growing Workshop; 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Toshio Hashimoto's greenhouse off Route 232 in South Rumford. Cost for the workshop: \$15. Kits for plugging your own logs available for \$15. FMI: Carol Emery (392-3161).

Tuesday, April 21

American Red Cross Blood Drive; 2 to 7 p.m., Maine Veterans' Home, 477 High Street, South Paris. To sign up for a specific time to donate, for more information, call the facility at 743-6300. Walk ins are also welcome.

Maine Civil War Photography; 6:30 p.m., Norway Memorial Library. Guest speaker, Earle G. Shettleworth, Jr., Maine State Historian, will present his lecture Maine Civil War Photography. Shettleworth will illustrate how Maine citizens were impacted during the Civil War at home and in the battlefield using photographic slides. For more information and to sign up for this free program please call the library's information desk at 743-5309 ext. 1.

Wednesday, April 22

Bring Back Casablanca Nite; 3 to 9 p.m., Pat's Pizza, Bethel. Pat's pizza will donate up to \$12 to the Bring Back Casablanca fund with any pizza purchase. One night only, dine in or takeout. FMI: Donna (836-3953 or patspizza@bethel@hotmail.com).

Thursday, April 23

Farm Pond Construction/Trout Stocking Workshop; 9 a.m. (check-ins begin at 8:30), Cummings Hall, First Baptist Church of Paris, 500 Paris Hill Road, Paris. Candace Gilpatrick, Natural Resource Conservation Service Agricultural Engineer and Sonny Pierce of Shy Beaver Hatchery will lead a workshop on farm pond construction and stocking your private pond with trout. The morning workshop will end at 11:30 and be followed by lunch and a field trip to a local farm pond for a "walk and talk." \$20 per person. Pre-registration by April 22 required. FMI/Registration: 743-5789 ext. 111 or oxfordcountyswcd@gmail.com.

Wooden Pen Making Demonstration; 2 p.m., Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond. Gary Gallant of Rumford will demonstrate the art of making wooden pens. He will also have finished pens to show. The program is open to the public at no charge. Light refreshments will be served.

4th Thursday in April, National Poetry Month; 5:30 to 7, Rumford Public Library. The 4th Thursday meeting offers poetry lovers the opportunity to share, their own works or those of favorite poets. Come, bring a friend, bring a poem and celebrate National Poetry Month. Light refreshments. Free and open to the public. Information: 364-3661.

Poet Rachel McKibbens at Gould; 7:30 p.m., Bingham Auditorium. Poet, activist, playwright and essayist, Rachel McKibbens is a New York Foundation for the Arts poetry fellow and author of the critically acclaimed volume of poetry, *Pink Elephant* (Cypher Books, 2009). Regarded as one of the most dynamic speakers in the country, McKibbens is a legend within the poetry slam community, noted for her accomplishments both on and off the stage: she is a nine-time National Poetry Slam team member, has appeared on eight NPS final stages, coached the New York louderARTS poetry slam

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Friday, April 24

Civil War Movies in April — Cold Mountain; 7 p.m. at Gould Academy's Bingham Auditorium free of charge. Presented by "Local and Legendary: Bethel, Maine in the Civil War," co-sponsored by The Bethel Library, The Bethel Historical Society, Gould Academy, The Maine Humanities Council and The Maine Historical Society.

Saturday, April 25

Indoor Yard Sale; 8 a.m. to 12 noon, Locke's Mills Union Church. Put on by the Ladies Circle.

Local and Legendary: Maine in the Civil War/BHS Program; 2 p.m., Bethel Historical Society. "Lincoln and the Civil War," marking the 150th anniversary of President Abraham Lincoln's assassination on April 14, 1865. Special display of a Lincoln portrait presented to Gould Academy in 1911, as well as original documents signed by Lincoln from a private collection. Free and open to the public.

Public Chicken Pie Supper; 4:30 to 6 p.m., VFW Post 9787, Lower Main Street, South Paris. Sponsored by AMVETS Post 777. Adults/\$8, kids 12 and under/\$4.

Annual Birthday Supper; 5:30 p.m., Congregational Church, Andover. Tables and cakes decorated for each month. Roast pork, applesauce, baked potatoes, coleslaw, carrots, green beans, rolls and birthday cake. Adults/\$8, kids under 12/\$4.

Monday, April 27

Essentials of College Planning for adults 19 and over; 10 a.m., Western Maine University and Community College Center, South Paris. FMI/Registration: 1-800-231-3703 or <http://meoc.maine.edu>. Free and open to the public.

Wednesday, April 29

Community Supper (No Charge); Bethel Alliance Church, 251 Walkers Mills Road (across from Telstar parking lot). Call 207-824-2289 for more information.

Thursday, April 30

"End of Life Care: Having the Conversation" TYH Presentation; 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., West Parish Congregational Church, 32 Church Street, Bethel. Sponsored by To Your Health of Western Mountains Senior College, this program is designed to inspire a dialogue about end of life issues. Hard questions that need to be asked about the quality of life will be addressed and discussed by a five-member panel in this interactive program. Public is invited and admission is free. FMI call R. Tiff at 824-2053.

May 1 and 2

Andover School Arts Program Fundraiser; Friday, spaghetti dinner and dance. Saturday, Family Fun Day, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Many events for children and families to participate in. Free cookout lunch for Andover residents. FMI: Carol (392-3161).

Friday, May 1

Animal Communication Talk/Potluck; 6 p.m. potluck (bring a dish to share) 7 p.m. talk, Mahosuc Mountain Lodge, North Newry. Nancy Hohmann will talk about animal communication. Donations accepted to benefit Responsible Pet Care. FMI: 824-2073.

Poetry Reading/Talk with Richard Blanco; 7 p.m., Second Congregational Church, UCC, 205 Main Street, Norway. Blanco will present a reading of poetry and prose and a talk entitled, "Just Tell Me a Story: Writing the Memoir," which will discuss his memoir "The Prince of Los Cocuyos" (Ecco, 2014) along with his experiences as the 2013 Inaugural Poet. Following a question and answer period, Blanco will be available to sign books. Books N Things of Norway will be in-house providing books for purchase. General admission: \$10. Tickets available at the Norway Memorial Library at 258 Main Street, Norway and Books N Things at 430 Main Street, Norway.

Saturday, May 2

Woodstock Conservation Commission Clean-Up Day; 9 a.m. to noon. Meet at the Bryant Pond ball field. Help clean up the roadside and public sites prior to the Bicentennial June 20 and 21.

Inside/Outside Yard Sale; 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., VFW Hall, 58 Main Street, South Paris. Sponsored by the VFW Auxiliary. Tables are \$10. Lunch Counter will be open. Call Marilyn Ramsay at 743-5723 if interested in a table.

Old Fashioned Barn Dance/Potluck; 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. concert, 8 p.m. dance, Mahosuc Mountain Lodge, North Newry. All dances are taught. Beginners are welcome. Cost is \$10, children under 16 half-price. FMI: 824-2073.

Franklin Grange 124 Mock Hee-Haw Show; 7 p.m., Grange Hall, Main Street, Bryant Pond. Live music by John Sparrow, the Milltown Road Show, Richard Felt, Brad Hooper, the Shadagee Ramblers and more. Refreshments available. Door Prizes. 50/50 raffle. Admission: \$6/adults, \$3/children under 12.

Sunday, May 3

Meals on Wheels Fundraiser; 2 to 5 p.m., Locke's Mills Legion Hall. Live music by the Shadagee Ramblers, 50/50, raffle items and snacks. \$10 at the door, \$8 in advance. Meals on Wheels provides nutritious meals to older adults who are homebound and cannot cook for themselves. Proceeds will go toward ending a waitlist of over 100 in the tri-county region. FMI: 1-800-427-1241 or info@seniorsplus.org.

Monday, May 4

Socrates Café Meeting; 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Waterford Library. Discussion Topic: How Can We Achieve Social Equity? Moderator: Scott Vlaun. Light refreshments will be provided. FMI: 583-6957.

Wednesday, May 6

Vote on Proposed Region 9 School of Applied Technology Budget; Region 9 School of Applied Technology, 377 River Road, Mexico.

Saturday, May 9

Hope Association Spring Craft Fair; 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., 85 Lincoln Avenue, Rumford. Many crafters along with raffles, Chinese auction, cookie walk, and lunch specials with make your own sundaes. There will be a Kid's Corner with games and prizes. All proceeds benefit Special Olympics Team Sunshine. FMI: Sally Theriault (364-4561).

American Legion Post 72 Indoor Yard Sale; 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Church Street, South Paris. To reserve your table, call Jean (743-7965). Yard sale tables are \$10, vendor tables are \$15. Lunch counter will be open, 50/50 raffle and raffle baskets. Come join the fun and help support the ladies auxiliary send three young ladies to Girl State.

Football Benefit Dinner & Concert; Sunday River Brew Pub. Dinner 5 to 8 p.m. (10 percent of food and beverage purchases benefit local football programs for all ages). Concert with Roadhouse 8 to 12 p.m., 21+, \$10 per person or \$15 per couple. All proceeds go to SAD 44 Football grades 2-12.

May 13, 20, 27, June 3, 10 and 17

Quick Start Workshop on Starting a Business; 6 to 8 p.m., Community Concepts Conference Room, 17 Market Square, South Paris. Instructors include Dana Hanley, Esq. of Hanley & Associates, Daryl Cote, CPA, with Ouelette & Associates, PA and Oxford Hills SCORE business counselors Steve Veazey, John Huffman and Charlie Peabody. \$50 for the series, \$10 for an individual workshop. FMI: 743-6543 or mpurcell@community-concepts.org.

Wednesday, May 13

Bethel Senior Citizens Meeting; 11 a.m., Bethel Alliance Church (across from Telstar). This will be a potluck meal. Members are asked to bring a dish to share. A \$3 donation for the church is suggested.

Thursday, May 14

"Pig Out on Reading" Program; 1 p.m., Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond. Farmer Minor, his pig Daisy and his two pug dogs will present a program to two Woodstock Elementary School Classes. The public is also welcome to attend.

Cooking Gluten Free; 5:30 to 8 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church. A living gluten free cooking workshop will be offered by Suzanne Dunham, gluten free baker and herbalist. The class will begin with a brief presentation about going gluten free. The cooking session will be hands on preparation of two gluten free dishes, and will include tips about using alternative flours in cooking. Handouts and recipes will be provided. Tuition: \$12. FMI/Registration: 824-2780.

May 15, 16 and 17

15th Annual Home Garden Flower Show, May Fair; Fryeburg Fairgrounds. Seven buildings filled with almost 300 plus booths on home and energy and 9 garden centers, garden artisans and crafters, plus five acres of outdoor products for the home and garden and other related businesses. The famous Meet the Chefs Cooking Series, Lodge Cast Iron Skillet Toss, Home and Garden Seminars, Kids activities and demonstrations. Guest speakers, fair food and more. General Admission \$10. Children 10 and under free. Group rates available. FMI: www.homegardenshow.com or 800-359-2033.

Saturday, May 16

Rumford Auxiliary Yard Sale; Members of the Auxiliary will be at 209 Lincoln Avenue on Friday mornings during May to accept donations from the public for the yard sale. Pick up for donations to the sale can be arranged by calling 364-3648 or at 562-4343. The Auxiliary accepts everything except major appliances and clothing. Furniture, rugs, kitchen goods, books and office items are big sellers. All proceeds are donated to Rumford Hospital.

Sunday, May 17

Local and Legendary: Bethel, Maine in the Civil War — Final Celebration; 4 p.m., Bingham Auditorium, Gould Academy, featuring The Androscoggin Chorale Chamber Singers and the dramatic presentation of "My Dear Absent Husband" based on the actual letters of Stephen and Lydia Richards of Upton.

Thursday, May 21

Invasive Forest Pests and Invasive Plants Program; 2 p.m., Whitman Memorial Library. Jean Federico of the Oxford County Soil and Water Conservation District will present information on invasive forest pests and invasive plants and what we can do to help battle these problems.

June 13 and 20

Photography Class; Telstar High School, Room 133. This is an introduction to digital photography course for those who are looking to improve their photography skills. Topics that will be covered include, but are not limited to, basic camera functions, light use, portraiture and landscapes, and basic editing techniques. This course is for those using both digital point-and-shoot and DSLR cameras. Bring your camera. Tuition: \$25. FMI/Registration: 824-2780.

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Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

CODED RIDDLE

Change each letter to the one that comes immediately BEFORE it in the alphabet to find a riddle and its answer.

Here's a copy of the alphabet to guide you:

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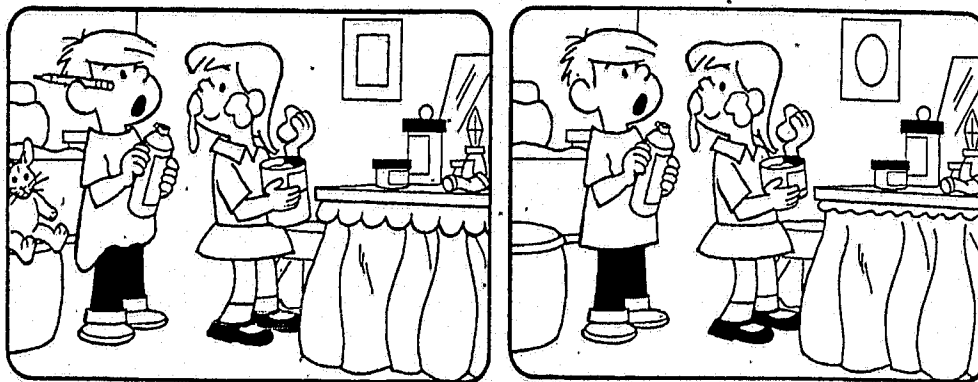
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For more puzzle fun, go to www.brainzzles.com

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences:
1. Pencil is missing. 2. Bunny is missing. 3. Shirt is different. 4. Can is smaller. 5. Picture is different. 6. Table ruffle is different.

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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: E equals T

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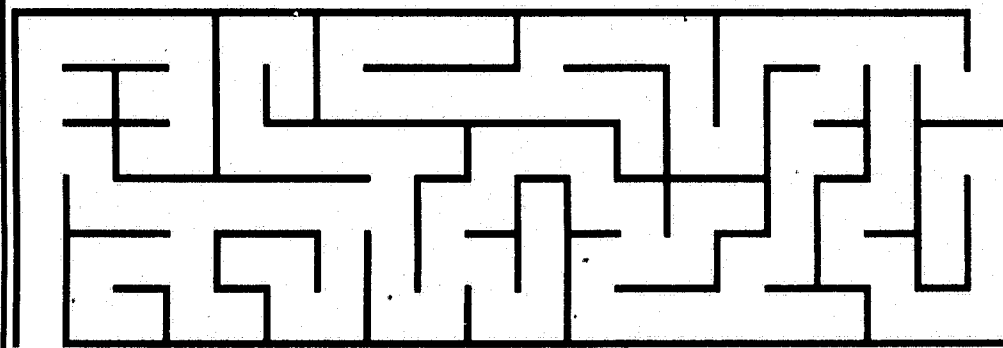
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Kids' Maze



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Super Crossword

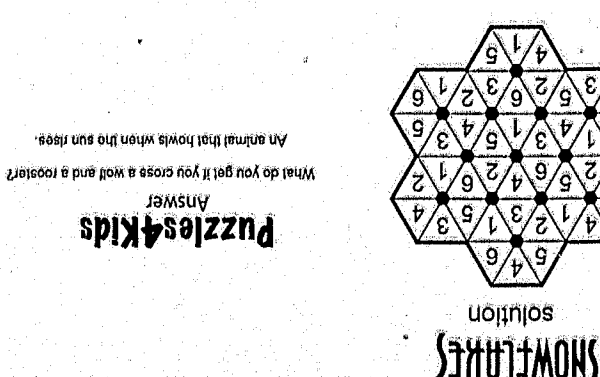
TAKING OUT THE MIDDLE

- ACROSS**
- 1 Musical pace
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 - 11 Looker's leg
 - 14 LaBelle with a Grammy
 - 19 Oak seed
 - 20 Perfume queen
 - 21 Pal, to Gigi
 - 22 One of the Three Musketeers
 - 23 LOUIS
 - 26 Painter Dufy
 - 27 Co. heads
 - 28 Zero in (on)
 - 29 What a white flag signifies
 - 30 Speed
 - 35 LLOYD
 - 37 Make -- out of (toughen up)
 - 38 Jogger's gait
 - 39 Pro -- (bump, so to speak)
 - 40 Candle blowers' secrets
 - 41 CAROL
 - 44 Caesar of old comedy
 - 45 Severe
 - 46 Hides from view
 - 51 Swan's kin
 - 56 Copy a bury
 - 57 "Nuts" director
 - 61 CHRISTIAN
 - 63 Pep rally cry
 - 65 Tarot card reader, e.g.
 - 66 Singer
 - 67 Folk knowledge
 - 70 JESSICA
 - 73 In the matter of
 - 74 Assembly with all members present
 - 76 Language of Bangkok
 - 77 Pastor's talk
 - 79 WASHINGTON
 - 82 Wren's home
 - 83 "Mike & Molly" airer
 - 86 Adams of photography
 - 87 Small carpet
 - 89 "Ulysses" star
 - 91 Cumulative pay abbr.
 - 93 JEAN
 - 97 Cuba's Fidel
 - 101 Some jeans, familiarly
 - 105 "No, mein Herr"
 - 106 Peruvian of long ago
 - 107 CONAN
 - 109 Tropical grassy plains
 - 111 Kettle output
 - 112 Brand of fat replacer
 - 113 University in North Carolina
 - 114 1836 siege setting
 - 115 CARLOS
 - 122 Justice Ruth
 - 123 Highway with a no.
 - 124 Leek relative
 - 125 With 59-- Down, crude oil, in slang
 - 126 Deep pit
 - 127 Sun -- -sen
 - 128 -- Hope (old ABC soap)
 - 129 Build, as a building
 - DOWN**
 - 1 Paving gunk
 - 2 Prefix with car or warrior
 - 3 Unruly throng
 - 4 District police station
 - 5 How right turns are often allowed
 - 6 Mosaic tile
 - 7 DDE's forerunner
 - 8 Lunched, e.g.
 - 9 It's east of Calif.
 - 10 Painter Georgia O'--
 - 11 It's removed for a fill-up
 - 12 Total number
 - 13 Capital of Belarus
 - 14 Pheasants' cousins
 - 15 1980s video game
 - 16 Despite the fact that
 - 17 "Clever comeback!"
 - 18 Florida keys, e.g.
 - 24 The Lone Ranger's companion
 - 25 Par for the course
 - 30 Hindu prince
 - 31 Mobil rival
 - 32 Settle the tab
 - 33 Boozing sort
 - 34 Fr. ladies with haloes
 - 36 Early 20th--cen. conflict
 - 42 Architect Saarinen
 - 43 "Stop talking!"
 - 44 IRS ID
 - 47 More like a hoarse voice
 - 48 High on the draft list
 - 49 Online folks
 - 50 Grow dim
 - 52 Financial tipster Suze
 - 53 Bears, in Buenos Aires
 - 54 Faxed, say
 - 55 Prefix with spore
 - 58 Response to "Who's there?"
 - 59 See 125-- Across
 - 60 Dentists scrape it off
 - 62 Houses for students
 - 63 Music style
 - 64 Skier Phil
 - 67 Women's links org.
 - 68 Steinhilber who wrote the 2009 bestseller "The Tourist"
 - 69 Antique cars, 71 -- Nagla
 - 72 Sooner than
 - 75 Nasty bits of dirt
 - 78 Nebraska Sioux
 - 80 Ill-bred guy
 - 81 Barbecue spice mix
 - 83 Beijing's land
 - 84 Judge's seat
 - 85 Epic tales
 - 88 Cotton deseeders
 - 90 Less chubby
 - 92 Ontario's capital, on scoreboards
 - 94 Grassland
 - 95 Resident maids
 - 96 Wholly
 - 97 Melon type
 - 98 Place to sculpt in school, say
 - 99 Dependable
 - 100 English river
 - 101 "Blaze" actress Davidovich
 - 102 Tennis shoe hole
 - 103 Israel's flag carrier
 - 104 12th grader
 - 108 Bride's property
 - 110 Nick of "Cape Fear"
 - 116 -- old way
 - 117 Actress Wasikowska
 - 118 Gained
 - 119 Firefighter's tool
 - 120 Freddie
 - 121 Onetime jet-set jet



Kids' Maze Solution

SCRAMBLERS
Today's Word
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3. Height 4. Nimble
Because I found myself watching too many sports programs, my new motto is "Moderation in all things."
ANSWER
CryptoQuip.



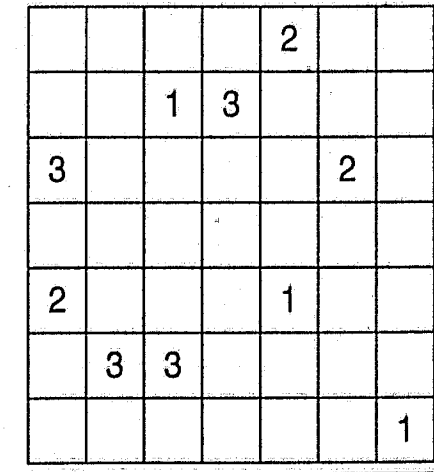
SNOWFLAKES

What do you get if you cross a wolf and a rooster?
ANSWER
An animal that howls with the sun rises.

Star★Map

By Linda Thistle

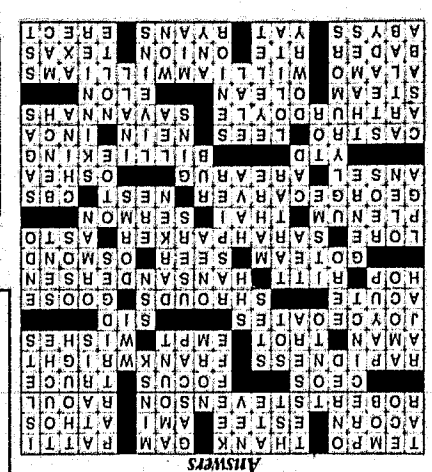
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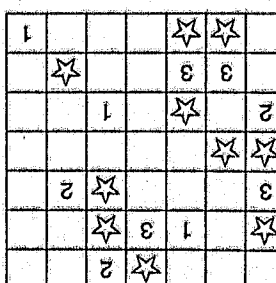
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TYH: End of Life Care; Having the Conversation

"End of Life Care: Having the Conversation" will be presented on Thursday, April 30, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Bethel Congregational Church, 32 Church Street, Bethel. The program is sponsored by To Your Health of Western Mountains Senior College (WMSC) to inspire a dialogue about end of life issues.

The program will be based on the book, "Being Mortal," by Atul Gawande who states,

"The ultimate goal is not a good death but a good life — all the way to the end." Since its publication, the book has generated high interest throughout the country.

Hard questions that need to be asked about quality of life will be addressed and discussed by a five-member panel in this interactive program. Dr. Roger Austin, Medical Director of Hospice House, Androscoggin Home Care and

Hospice (AHCH), for the past 10 years, and one of the panelists said, "Having discussions about end of life choices may be uncomfortable, but such conversations are not fatal." He will be joined on the panel by Reverend Richard Bennett, Interim Pastor with the West Parish Congregational Church in Bethel; Emily Ecker, licensed clinical social worker and polarity energy therapist; Jane Chandler, RN, staff nurse with AHCH for 20 years; and Michele Lowell, Home Health Aide, AHCH, for the past 18 years. Allen Cressy, who will serve as moderator, has been an active community volunteer since moving to Bethel 17 years ago. He has held leadership positions with the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce, Bethel Historical Society, and the Town of Bethel planning board.

To Your Health is sponsored by WMSC with the collaboration of Bethel Family Health Center and MSAD 44/Continuing Education. The program is open to the public and admission is free. A follow-up program, "Aging in Place" will be held on May 21. For more information, contact Rosabelle Tiff at 824-2053.

Bethel Senior Citizens news

The Bethel Senior Citizens Club met April 8 at The Roosters Roadhouse for their meeting and dinner with 41 members present. Vice President Lise McLain conducted the meeting and offered a prayer. After the pledge to the flag, "God Bless America" was sung.

Reports were given by Becky Keen and Arlene. The raffle was won by Darlene Demeritt and the door prize by Barbara Yates.

The next meeting will be May 13 at the Bethel Alliance Church, across from Telstar, and will be a pot luck meal. Members will bring a dish to share. Meeting starts at 11 a.m. A donation of \$3 is suggested for the church.

The speaker was Valerie Cole from Senior Plus. She spoke on the program Meals on Wheels which is a program to provide nutritious meals for older adults and those who are homebound.

There is going to be a benefit for Meals on Wheels May 3 from 2-5 p.m. at the Locke's Mills Legion Hall 595 Gore Road.

Admission is \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door. Live music by the Shadagee Ramblers, come a support this worthy cause.

Suggestions are still needed for trips and programs.

April birthdays: Jodi Carter, Marilyn Gilbert, Fran Head, Cathryn Lovejoy and Barbara Yates.



BETHEL NEWS OFFICE-This photo from around 1900 shows the newspaper office that is now the office of the Bethel Citizen, at the back of the Bethel Town Office (Cole Block). The photo was taken before the "lean-to" addition was made to the back. According to Bethel Historical Society Executive Director Randy Bennett, "the large windows of the Bethel News plant (founded in 1895, four years after the Cole Block was built) indicate the then location of the presses, with the office entrance below the large sign (which was made large enough so it could be easily seen as people and carriages passed by on Main Street)." The people in the photo are not known.

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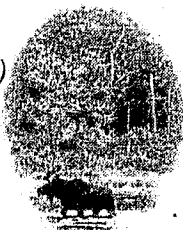
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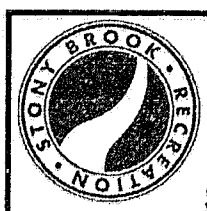
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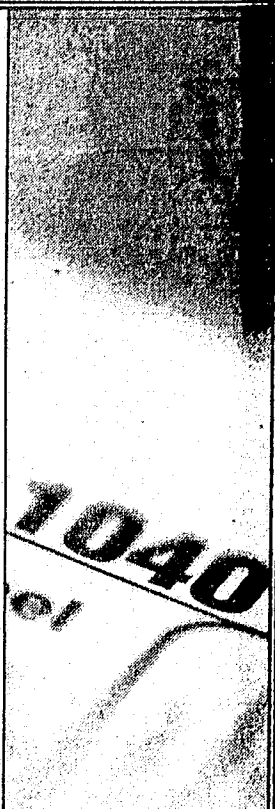
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Wilbur is a spunky little dog that will put a smile on your face the minute your meet him. He's a mixed-breed of Maltese and Poodle, and he looks like he is having a bad hair day.



Wilbur seems to know how adorable he is when he spins around to get attention. He's the perfect, little gentleman in all company. He loves his walks and snuggle time.

This little gem is ready to be someone's companion and cuddle buddy.

Responsible Pet Care of Oxford Hills is a no-kill, non-profit shelter and adoption center for cats and dogs; and the holding area for stray dogs for 12 towns in Oxford County.

Anyone interested in adopting a pet from RPC can visit the shelter at 9 Swallow Road in South Paris TUESDAY-SUNDAY 12-4 P.M. Most of the adoptable pets and the adoption application can be found online on the shelter's website at www.rpc.petfinder.com. For answers to questions about adopting or fostering a pet, or to make an inquiry about a lost animal, call Responsible Pet Care after noon at 743-8679.

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Obituaries



RAYMOND MORAN

Raymond Gordon Moran of Naples, Fla. and formerly of Bethel and Danvers, Mass., passed away peacefully in the presence of his loving family on March 30, 2015. He was born July 3, 1931.

A veteran of the U.S. Air Force, former President of the Bethel Savings Bank and General Manager of the Bethel Inn Resort, Ray retired to Southwest Florida where he enjoyed family, friends and golf for his last couple decades of life. He was thrilled to witness multiple championship victories by his beloved New England Patriots and Boston Red Sox. He leaves behind his wife Anne; children Peter, Jennifer (wife of Jonathan Head) and Kyle (husband of Samantha Moran); grandchildren Levi, Patrick (husband of Tia Moran), Amy, Joshua, Julia and

Kate and great grandchild Cael. He was preceded in death by a brother Bill and parents Joseph Moran and Miriam Trask. He will be remembered for his great sense of humor and for the genuine respect he showed to everyone he met.

Ray's ashes will be spread in his native Danvers, Mass. A celebration of his life will be held with close family and friends in Naples, Fla. In lieu of flowers please send donations to The Gollisano Children's Museum of Naples, 15080 Livingston Road., Naples, Fla. 34109, www.cmon.org/donate.



CAROL JORDAN

Carol S. Jordan, 84 of the Flat Road, died at her residence on Monday, April 13, 2015 with her loving family at her side.

She was born in Locke's Mills on July 2, 1930 the

daughter of Carl Herbert Swan Sr and Eva Frances (Bartlett) Swan and was educated in local schools and was a member of the Locke Mills Union Church. She married Rodney Jordan on Dec. 31, 1949.

She is survived by her husband of West Bethel; one son Sherwood Kent Jordan of Pennsylvania and his companion Mitzie Naples of Bethel; two daughters Karen Marie (Jordan) Paul of West Bethel and Audrey (Jordan) Brooke and her

husband Randall; One brother Hugh "Cubby" Swan of Locke's Mills; one sister Musa Brown of Bethel; six grandchildren Aaron Paul of San Francisco, Ca., Eva Paul of Crested Butte, Co., Sarah Paul of San Francisco, Ca., Stephen Paul of South Lake Tahoe, Ca., Seneca (Brooke) Corriveau and her husband Freeman, and Amber (Brooke) Head and her husband Bryan all of Newry; five great grandchildren and auntie cousin Kay Brown of Lovell.

She was predeceased by two brothers, Carl Swan Jr. and Delwin Long, and four sisters, Gwendolyn Dorey, Clover Emery, Margaret Ring and Wilma Beth Awalt.

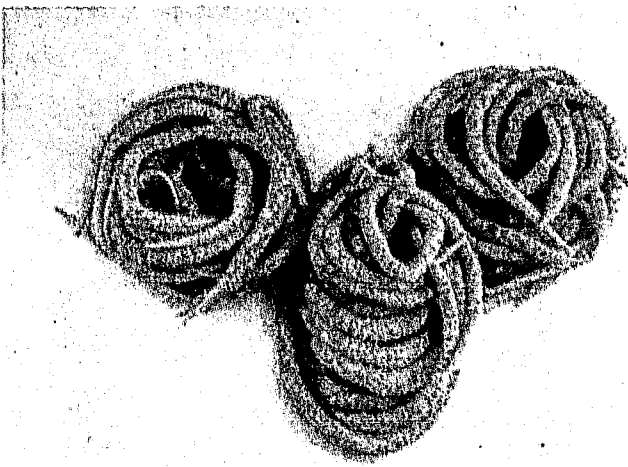
A gathering of friends and family will be held at the Bethel Alliance Church, Walkers Mills Road, and a celebration of Carol's life will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday April 18.

Donations may be made to Responsible Pet Care, 9 Swallow Rd., South Paris, ME 04281

'Other Landscapes' exhibition at Gould

The Owen Gallery at Gould Academy in Bethel, Maine is pleased to announce the opening of *Other Landscapes*: Artists Michel Droge & Michael Shaughnessy, an exhibition by Maine-based artists whose work is inspired by the natural world. Multiple works based in sculpture, painting, drawing, printmaking, and installation will be entwined through the gallery. The artists' common thread resides in the appearance and metaphor of the twine that binds and the weaving together of experience with the landscape.

Working from fishermen's stories and her own coastal research, Michel Droge creates paintings, prints and drawings that suggest literal and figurative connections between humanity and sea. Her introspective works traverse the boundaries between realism and abstraction, generating shadow-worlds between recognizable vistas and the intangible. Her unraveling sweater mono-prints hint at the tenuous



Michael Shaughnessy, "Untitled", 2013. Gathered, bound, and woven hay, height 7' x width 10' x depth 2.5'

mooring of the soul; the large-scale Requiem paintings pursue linear tethers through ocean's murky depths.

Michael Shaughnessy's use of hay in his sculptures and installations hearkens back to collaborative labor and the use of regenerative elements that are relative to their surroundings – hay is at once recognizable and universal. These gathered, bound, and woven organic schema evoke naturalis-

tic forms and rope itself, but also function to connect the artist to audience, invoking Minimalism's emphasis on the social space sparked by art. Shaughnessy's serpentine forms become both object and place proportionate to their context.

Both artists invite viewers to consider their relationship to the landscape – in Droge's work as a quiet meditation and Shaughnessy's, a collective engagement. Michel Droge's current work investigates the impact of climate change on smaller and island communities. Michael Shaughnessy, a long-term environmental and political activist, is the current president of the Friends of the Presumpscot River.

Michel Droge, a resident of Portland, ME, earned a BA in Studio Art and Cognitive Psychology from Oberlin College and an MFA in inter-

Births

HAMLIN

Brian and Erin Hamlin of South Paris are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby boy, Rian Oliver, born on April 3, 2015 at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 8 pounds 3 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Ron Houle of Auburn and Deb Richardson of New Gloucester.

Paternal grandmother is Cynthia Jones of South Portland.

Rian joins two sisters, Alaina Reese 6 and Evelyn Mae 2.

disciplinary Studio Art from Maine College of Art. Michel is the recipient of awards and grants including the Joan Mitchell Foundation MFA Award and a Maine Arts Commission Good Idea Grant. Michel currently teaches at Maine College of Art and at Southern Maine Community College; she is represented by and appears courtesy of June Fitzpatrick Gallery, Portland ME

Michael Shaughnessy, also a resident of Portland, has exhibited in venues such as the Museum of Contemporary Art / Chicago, The Renwick Gallery of the Smithsonian Museum, the Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art, and the Decorova Museum; in 2011 he received the Juror's award at the Portland Museum of Art's Biennial of Art. Michael teaches Drawing, Design and Sculpture at the University of Southern Maine. In 2012 he took a large hay ball for a ride on a small car on a 10-week journey to meet America and is currently writing about the experience.

The Owen Gallery has a distinguished history of artist's exhibitions, showcasing Gould alumnae and staff, and also shows by Jamie Wyeth, Neil Welliver, and Jung Hur.

Michael Droge and Michael Shaughnessy will give an artist's talk with the curator, moderated by The Portland Press Herald arts writer Daniel Kany on Saturday, December 6th at 6:30 in the Trustees Auditorium in the McLaughlin Science Building. Curator Veronica Cross is a visual artist in Portland.

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Thank You

The family of Barbara Anderson Douglass, who resided in Bethel for 58 years, would like to thank the many family and friends who have shown their support, love, and caring to us and to the celebration of Barbara's life of 97 years upon her passing, December 10, 2014. We appreciate the many cards, calls, text messages, flowers, and donations in her memory. Thank you one and all!

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April 19, 1995



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Glenn Henderson on a Lifetime of Service

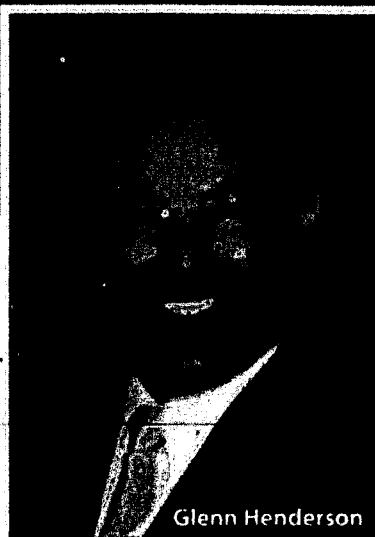
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